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East German army halved by desertion

Soviet troops take over border patrols

Mass desertions f East German army wake of the opening Berlin Wall are believe to have cut the 170,00c strong force by up to half.

Many of those who have left have headed for the West where they are selling uniforms and medals in flea markets. West German police fear they may also sell their weapons illicitly

to raise quick cash. Up to 40,000 of those who have left have done so as a result of the cut in compulsory national service from 18 months to a year, but others are simply not turning up for work as devastated morale leaves the army far less battleready than any other in East-

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Takeover tactic

Schemes to support the share

price of companies during

takeover bids were regarded as legitimate during the 1980s

takeover wave, the Guinness

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n Europe. Many of those maining are refusing to train to fight an enemy they do not believe exists; and Soviet troops have been called in to patrol the German border.

Nato sources in Brussels believe the Volks-armee (NVA) is losing credibility as a fighting force. "Soldiers are simply not turning up for work. Some have emigrated to the West, Others have gone elsewhere in the country," an

Leon Brittan

official said. "A lot of them feel the Army is useless. That famous East German discipline has gone."

Professional officers are reported to be particularly demoralized. They can see no inture in their own army and know it will be virtually impossible to join the West German Bundeswehr, which is likely to become the military establishment in a reunified Germany. Under the Honecker regime, officers had to be Communist Party members and so are barred from service under West German

Accurate figures of the number of deserters are not available, with the Defence Ministry confused as to exactly who is on leave, who is a discharged conscript and who is absent without leave.

show that the army is disintegrating daily, with some sources claiming that anything up to a half of its strength six months ago has already gone. Although Western observers doubt it has yet lost that many men, at one barracks at Bad Seldsungen half of the 2,000 troops have gone.

This is all putting an extra strain on the 350,000 Soviet troops in East Germany. Last week, the Russians carried out a long planned defensive exercise and had to combine with a makeshift NVA unit because the one originally meant to take part simply

refused to do so. The most inability to do its job is on the border, where for the past few weeks only Soviet units have been seen guarding what is left of the fence dividing the two Germanys.

The reduction in numbers of units is not solely due to desertion. With so many country for the West, such trained personnel as mechanics, drivers and medical staff have been drafted in to help run transport services, hos

Dissatisfaction with army life resulted in a rash of strikes by soldiers in January, when they "downed guns" to demand better pay and con-ditions. The Defence Minister, Admiral Theodor Hoffman, responded by cutting military service and introducing measures to soften the army's image,

The need for military reform was also recognized this week by the negotiators who agreed a 10-point plan aimed largely at creating a policy for a new European security system. The negotiators firmly rejected, however, Admirs! Hoffman's idea to form a joint force with a 150,000-strong lightly-armed professional army for both Germanys.



Kohl bows down

present East German frontier with Poland.

He told a Cabinet meeting that he had "full understanding" of a proposal that the West German Bundestag and a freely elected East German parliament issue a joint declaration acknowledging the Oder-Neisse border before

Until now he has refused to gave a categoric statement claims on territory lost to Poland after the Second World War. He insisted this could only be legally settled by

After months of hesitancy and eye on preventing voters from amid a rising chorus of criti-cism within West Germany the right-wing Republicans in and by its neighbours. Chan- the coming general election. continued even during his recent talks in Washington. It led to strong public criticism

> Allies' wrangle. Leading article...

in the US. On Tuesday Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, came close to an break with his partner, and insisted on a binding unambiguous German statement soon.

Mrs Thatcher has made such a statement a pre-

Herr Kohl may have been encouraged by polls showing that support for the Repub-

Storms batter England home and abroad



Prince breaks holiday to visit stricken town

The Prince of Wales is to interrupt a skiing holiday in Switzerland today to visit the stricken Welsh town of Towyn where severe flooding has led to the evacuation of more than 2.000 people.

As the devastation spread along the North Wales court, European Commission said it will make an emergency donation of £325,000 to help the families of British victims killed or injured by the recent hout of violent weather.

already announced As a third day of strong winds whipped up seas around Britain's battered coastline, the number of residents evacuated in North Wales rose to more than 2,000. The villages of Pensarn and Kinmel Bay were partially evacuated in advance of 10-metre-high spring tides, joining residents of Towyn at five emergency

glimmer of hope for emergeny five feet of water and flood services battling to overcome water extended two-and-a-half the effects of the storms. "The worst of the bad weather is

over," a spokesman said. The National Rivers Auchority, meanwhile, said the forms this week highlighted the need for a single body to administer and co-ordinate

Sea defences at bay .. Photograph ...

sea detences. The NKA. Mr Peter Walker, the Sec- operates the flood defence retary of State for Wales, has system in England and Wales, already announced "very said it will have to spend at said it will have to spend at substantial" funding for dis-trict councils in north Wales. keast an extra £20 million on sea defences next year as a result of this week's appalling

> In Towyn, Colwyn Borough Council and British Rail worked round the clock to fill the 300-metre breach in the sea wall with five tonne stone blocks from nearby quarries, set in place with quick drying

A five-mile stretch of road between Pensarn, from where The London Weather 40 families were moved yes-Centre, however, offerd a terday, and Rhyl was under

miles inland.

South Waies was yesterday on full flood alert with warnings of a 50-foot tide in the Bristol Channel - the second highest of the year.

In the South and South-east of England heavy plant machinery was brought in to coastal areas to push back shingle as soon as the midnight high tide receded. Sussex and southern Kent

coastlines were on flood alert. There was flooding in the Seabrook area of Hythe and at Sandgate, Kent, where the sea defence wall burst on Monday night, but not on the scale of earlier in the week. Shepway District Council, which covers the the areas of the Kent coastline most severely affected, yesterday issued 3,000 sandbags to residents most at

In north Devon the high tide brought fresh misery as mountainous seas breached patched-up sea defences, flooding harbour areas and Continued on page 22, col 1

Trade deficit rise hits Governmen

By Colin Narthrough and Richard Ford

Britain's monthly visible trade month was better than when it deficit began to widen again in lanuary, dealing another blow up to the Budget and a key by-election the following week. The widening to £1,979

million from a revised £917. million deficit in December at first worried City economists expecting a figure of about £1,200 million.

Official explanations that the figure was a one-off rise, down, soothed markets by the end of the day, bowever.

Treasury officials said £500 million of the deficit was caused by such erratic factors as diamond imports and the Felixstowe dock strike. The FT-SE 100 Index rose

0.6 points to close at 2255.4 and the pound rose 0.3 points against the trade-weighted index to end the day at 89.9. Last night Mrs Thatcher said on Yorkshire Television: Obviously one is disap-

pointed but, at the same time

as that one, they have revised the previous one downwards.

In other words, the previous

the UK into recession. But yesterday's figures were still seen in Westminster as a blow to the Government, already facing deep unpopularity and bracing itself

Gilts bit.

for a struggle to hold the Mid-Staffordshire seat in the March 22 by-election. The Opposition said the latest figures showed the complacency of ministers who claimed that their economic policy was working. Mr Gordon Brown, the shadow Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, said the deficit ex-ploded the Government's

"do-nothing complacency".

"If you take the two months

together and average it, they

are about what you might

have expected and they do

represent a downward trend."

: Mr John Banham, director

general of the Confederation

of British Industry, said the

on Polish border

cellor Helmut Kohl yesterday threw his support behind an explicit recognition of the

the two states after reunification.

£30,000

renouncing any German condition of her acceptance of unification, and strongly sup-ported Poland's call for a clear line from Bonn.

His ambiguity, with a clear licans has fallen

Sanderson awarded

Tessa Sanderson, the 1984 Olympic javelin champion, vesterday won £30,000 in libel damages over an allegation that she stole another wom-

an's husband. She had been accused by Mrs Jewel Evans, a beautician, in two Sunday newspaper articles of enticing her usband Derrick away.

Mirror Group Newspapers. which faces estimated costs of

Trial report ... E200,000. was granted a 14-

day stay on award pending a possible appeal. Miss Sanderson, aged 33, had sued the group and two ournalists over stories in the Sunday Mirror and The People last March quoting Mrs Evans' allegations. She in-sisted her affair with Mr Evans

did not begin until after the break-up of his marriage.

£500m boost for the inner-cities

By Peter Davemport

marked the second anniver- inner cities, and Opposition sary of the Government's spokesmen can go on and on inner-city programme by announcing an extra £500 mil-lion of funding, taking spending on regeneration schemes this year to a record £4 billion.

At a presentation in Brad-ford, video-linked to events in six other inner-city areas, Mrs Thatcher's message was that, although much had been achieved, much more remained to be done.

She said a key element in

the success of the Action for Cities campaign so far was the partnership between the public and private sectors.

During a ceremony at the National Museum of Photography, Film and Television in Bradford, Mrs Thatcher said: The Government can spend billions on the inner cities. prime ministers and members of the Government can make

The Prime Minister yesterday umpteen speeches in praise of and on - to coin a phrase about the need to do more for them. But the key to success is the drive and enthusiasm that come from teamwork."

The Prime Minister said the £800 million of taxpayers' money that had gone into the Government's 10 urban development corporations had generated £7 billion of private sector investment. She praised the companies involved in

inner-city projects.

Mrs Thatcher also nounced a further phase in the Government's plan to move thousands of Civil Service jobs in London and the South-East. She said Customs and Excise was to relocate 1,700 jobs to Manchester and Liverpool Details of the site for the new offices were

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Red October fiction reflects Soviet mutiny facts



From James Bone New York

A KGB general has given the first official confirmation of a mutany aboard a Soviet warship that is strikingly similar to Tom Clancy's best-selling novel, The Hunt for Red October, soon to be premièred in a film version starring Sean Connery.

Mr Clancy was an insurance agent in Maryland when the book, his first novel, was published in 1984 by the Naval Institute Press, which paid him an advance of \$5,000 for the book. The tale about a Soviet submarine

and its crew that tried to defect to the

West was a runaway bestseller, earn-

ing him more than \$1 million and an

invitation from the then President,

Mr Ronald Reagan, Major-General A Boriskin of the KGB has now given the first details of a mutiny, widely known in the West, involving a Soviet warship 15 years ago. The incident occurred in the Baltic on November 8-9, 1975, when the deputy commander of the big submarin hunter Storozhevoi, Captain (Third Class) Valeri Sablin, took over the ship and declared it "independent".

He sold the Commander-in-Chief of the Soviet Navy: "I demand that the territory of the warship Storozhevoi be free and independent from government and party organs," The mutinous crew headed towards Sweden, but was forced to stop by

warplanes. "Yes, weapons were used

the ship but ahead of it," General Boriskin wrote in Irvestia. "There was no damage. The only casualty was Captain Sablin, who was shot in the leg by the Storozhevoi's commander.

The Military Collegium of the Supreme Court of the USSR on July 13, 1976, found Sablin guilty and sentenced him to death," General Boriskin recounted. "His accomplice, Seaman R. Sheney, was sentenced to eight years in prison." The rebel captain was later shot by firing squad. A further six officers and 11

varrant officers who helped Captain Sablin were investigated but charges were dropped. Mr Clancy was not available to but the bombs were dropped not on comment yesterday.

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NEWS ROUNDUP

Ford move to end craftsmen's strike

Ford will today try to end the unofficial strike by a group of craftsmen which has cost more than £250 million in lost production and forced the lay-off of 11,000 workers (Kevin Eason writes). The company will distribute letters to assembly line workers at its big Halewood plant on Merseyside, asking them to return to work on Monday after a seven-week lay off. Similar letters were expected to be sent to transmission plant staff on Friday.

The 550 Halewood craftsmen, who have refused to accept the company's pay deal in defiance of their unions, will meet Mr Jimmy Airlie, secretary of the Ford unions' joint negotiating committee, today.

He will tell them to return to work after Ford promised to examine their grievances over skill demarcation changes contained in the two-year agreement accepted by most of the 32,000 manual workers.

The 8,000 Halewood production workers have lost about £1,400 in pay and Ford believes they are keen to return. A mass meeting will discuss the letters on Saturday.

Lecture death threat

A lecture by Dr Zaki Badawi, principal of the Muslim College, London, and chairman of the Council of Imams and Mosques, on the offence allegedly given by Salman Rushdie's The Saturic Verses was cancelled last night after a death threat (Mike Horsnell writes).

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The threat was made against a member of staff at Bradford and likley Community College, where the lecture was to have been given. Dr Paul Gallagher, principal of the college, said: "Threats of this nature cannot be taken lightly. The safety of our staff and students must be our first priority.

Brown on way out

Mr Ron Brown, the MP for Edinburgh Leith, appeared to be on the road to political oblivion last night after Labour on the road to pointical obtained ask night after Labour leaders gave the go-ahead to his local party to consider removing him and Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, spoke of outrage at his conduct (Philip Webster writes). Mr Brown defiantly declared his intention to fight on and denounced the "shamocracy" of the national executive's decision to allow the Leith party to hold a special meeting.

Duke's speeding fine

The Duke of Westminster, reputedly Britain's wealthiest man, yesterday accepted a magistrates court offer of a week to pay a £120 fine for driving at 106mph. The fifth Duke, who has two previous speeding convictions, was hanned from driving for 14 days. Magistrates in Stroud, Gloucestershire, heard that the Duke, aged 38, was exceeding the limit by 36mph on the M5 in his Jaguar XJS sports saloon.

Kasparov defeated

Garry Kasparov, the world chess champion, lost to Boris Guelko in their eighth round match at the International Grandmaster Chess Tournament in Linares, southern Spain (Raymond Keene writes). Guelko, playing white, forced Kasparov's resignation on the 54th move after the champion had sacrificed two pawns for little compensation. Nigel Short, Britain's top-ranked grandmaster, lost to Lajos

Greville Wynne dies

Greville Wynne, the British spy who spent 18 months in Moscow's Lubianka jail and who was described as Britain's best known secret agent after a BBC television play on his experiences, has died in London after a long illness. He was recruited by British intelligence while a student before the Second World War and played an important role in the 1960s by helping to "run" Colonel Oleg Penkovsky, a highly-placed Soviet defector. Obitnary, page 14

King appeals to MPs over Wallace inquiry

to delay its investigation into for a slow, long investig the Colin Wallace affair until the end of the Ministry of Defence's own internal inquiry (Sheila Gunn writes).

The defence secretary's appeal has split the Tory-dox nated committee, which launched the inquiry after the ministry's admission of "some maladministration" in the handling of the affair.

It is understood Mr Michael

Mr Tom King has asked the the committee in private see Commons defence committee slow yesterday to be prepared to uncover the truth behind Mr Wallace's allegations of smear tactics in the 1970s.

One committee MP said later: "We are being fobbed off like little boys."

The committee has asked the ministry to supply written evidence on the disinformation campaign intended to deni-grate politicians and organizations for propagands pur-poses in Northern Ireland.

MPs criticize lack of traffic plan for tunnel

By Michael Dynes Transport Correspondent

To cater for an expected explosion of traffic when the Channel Tunnel opens in 1993, the Government must abandon its opposition to integrated transport planning, the Commons transport select committee warned yesterday.

In spite of widespread anxiety over increased traffic volumes be-tween Britain and mainland Europe, the Department of Transport had planned virtually no additional expenditure on Channel Tunnel roads, and had no traffic forecasts,

"When we asked what additional spending was earmarked for tunnel-related roads, we were told the answer was almost zero. Trunk road of traffic growth without the tunnel, and the department had not judged it necessary to expand the

"The department appears not to have made independent traffic forecasts of conditions after the tunnel opens," the committee said. "We find this surprising in view of the existing congestion in the South-east, and the fact that not only the tunnel but also the Single Market could lead to an explosion of traffic between Britain and the rest of the Community."
The committee's report, Roads

For The Future, said congestion in the South-east had increased considerably in recent years because of a "further deterioration" impairing "our economic competitiveness" erument must also consider financ-ing the construction of new passenger and freight rull links to serve the tunnel in order to take the pressure off roads, and to avoid the "bleak prospect" of a wholesale increase in congestion in the South-

The committee welcomed the Government's recent decision to boost funding for the expanded trunk road network but said this had to be matched with increased investment in local distributor roads to reduce congestion in urban areas. Emphasizing the link between

road and rail usage, the committee said it feared that "approval of large investments will mean approval of large real fare increases, particularly as British Rail and London Regional Transport's property assets dimin-ish", resulting in "higher fares

transport and on to the roads". More than 40 recommendations were made for improving Britain's

transport infrastructure, including improved co-ordination between the Departments of Transport and Environment, more effective traffic forecasting increased powers for local authorities to enforce parking regulations, and a cut in the time needed to plan and implement new road schemes. However, the committee ex-

pressed considerable scepticism over Government proposals to expand the national road network by recruiting private sector capital, and warned that the introduction of toll roads would be fraught with danger.

It was equally dismissive of road pricing, a system of charging motorists for entering congested city

it described as "merely a way of allowing the better off and those on business expenses to enjoy benefits denied or made more expensive to

Mr John Prescott, Labour's transport spokesman, said the report makes a powerful case for the

strategic approach to transport plan-ning that is sadly lacking from government policy".

Mr Gary Turvey, director general of the Freight Transport Associ-ation, welcomed the report, saying the committee had recognized "that it is no good having a superb intercity road network if traffic becomes clogged the moment it

reaches urban areas". Roads For The Future, House of Commons Transport Committee (Sta-

Tory MPs to warn Thatcher of havoc caused by poll tax

ister today of the havoc being caused for the Government by the introduction of the community charge.

A group of senior MPs from the London area have been invited to meet Mrs Margaret Thatcher in one of a series of meetings being organized to allow backbenchers to vent their concern over issues such as the poll tax, interest rates and foreign affairs.

One MP who was expected to attend said yesterday: "It is too late for this year. The budgets are being set. But we need to be assured that Mrs Thatcher is not isolated from parliamentary feeling on this issue. The charge is playing havoc with our party. I just

The MPs will find Mrs Thatcher unrepentant. In an interview on Yorkshire Television last night, she defended

hope she knows it.

She said the alternative would have been a complete

protest at having to set a charge £159 above the govern-

As a result the Conser-

vatives lost control of West

Oxfordshire district council.

which had set the charge at £412. The move is likely to

have significant political im-plications as local authorities

throughout the country final-

Elsewhere hundreds of poll

meetings; in Manchester

The Conservative unset in

police were called to clear the

ize their poll tax figures.

public gallery.

ment recommendation.

Conservative MPs are plan-plan-plan by about half the people who down rates in election years; ming to warn the Prime Min-vote in local elections. It and the next year the rateriaver would have been much, much had to pick up the tab. worse had we had a rating revaluation."

Mrs Thatcher said the community charge was a much fairer system; sne data not do things because they were popular but because they were fairer.

were fairer, spoke of "talk" of a 2.370 and mage community charge, almost £100 higher than the Government believed necessary.

cem came as Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, unleashed a bitter attack on local authorities for using the introduction of the community charge as a "smokescreen" to impose extra burdens on householders. As Tory county councils

continued to set budgets way above Whitehall spending targets, a clearly angry Mr Pattern for electoral reasons. In a letter to his constit-

uency party, Mr Patten re-ferred to Avon's projected unconnected with the fact there were no county council elections this year.

Tories resign over charges

The poll tax claimed its first West Oxfordshire came after councillors who have resigned

political casualties last night some members met at the when 18 Conservative countillors resigned the party whip decided it was unacceptable to ait as independents in be setting such a high poli tax from within the party."

in spite of having kept spend-

ing below government guide-

After resigning the party whip, they entered the council

chamber for a meeting as

David Walker, the former Conservative leader, said:

We have had enough. We

find that we have been getting

ment over poll tax despite

A spokesman for the local

being a frugal authority."

council rent rise.

tax protesters disrupted coun- nowhere with the Govern-

lines. They were also angry £425, well below the £733 about a proposed 34 per cent which had been forecast but

independent councillors. Mr half an hour while police David Walker, the former removed 50 noisy protesters

Conservative party said: "The the Government estimate.

Mr Patten said that spend-

ing increases by councils looked like being so big that that they would have caused a

ance was made for the arguments being put by councils, nothing could justify such be-haviour. "Inflation is not rising by 35 per cent; nor are people's wages. Is it fair that councils should inflict huge extra burdens on people because they think they can use the smokescreen of the introduction of the new system? Is it accused the counties of acting reasonable that councils should seek to raise extra balances - to take money from local people's banks and

put it in their own?" the community charge and increase in income of 20 per Was it right, to quote the said she had no regrets about cent and said it might not be Labour-controlled Association of London Authorities, that councils should set the highest possible charges. "I will not hesitate to protect rating revaluation across the country. "Rating was the most cal" story. County councils local chargepayers from that bitterly unfair tax, only paid pushed up spending and kept.

Manchester City council last night set its poll tax at

still £111 (35 per cent) above

The meeting was held up for

More than 200 dem-

onstrators lobbied councillors

outside Shire Hall in Taunton,

Somerset, in protest at a

recommended poll tax of

£350, almost £100 higher than

recommendation.

from the public gallery.

government



Farm seeks good husbandry

The Cross daughters: (from the left) Joanna, Sally, Trudi and Rachel, with their nephew Sam. Yesterday the four were sifting through a shortlist of suitable men to marry.

A West Country farmer's wife has advertised some of her livestock in the newspaper Farmer's Weekly. Which is not in itself unusual, except that it

Mrs Janet Cross, of Mid-ford, near Bath, took the step after despairing that her child-ren would ever find suitable hashands. Joanna, aged 32, Sally, 31, Trudy, 29 and Rachel, 27, all approve of the scheme. They have been inundated with offers.

er of five daughters who faced losing their inheritance unless read: "Man-eating daughters we all want Mr Right." message was not lost Farmer's Weskiy readers.

Mrs Cross took the des-perate measure after her family congregated at the farm for yet another lonely Christmas. "I am very serious about this. I just want to see them married and happy," she said.

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The advertisement with its biblical-style plea for help placed by Mrs Cross in a recent edition of Farmer's Weekly.

Chousing the parallel of "They are all lovery gardeness of Zelophehad, the biblical fath-holding down responsible jobs, and have had many boy the name has really they married, Mrs Cross come up to scratch. I think I placed an advertisement which am as particular as they are;

A short list has been handed to Sally, a psychiatric nurse, to have first choice. When Zelophehad died in the wilderness, Jehovah commanded that his daughters marry within their own tribe

lest the tribal property be lost to outsiders. No such strictures apply in the case of the Mr Jock Cross, the girls' father, is less enumoured than

the rest of his tribe at the marriage scheme. He rather groupily dis-missed the whole business as a

Rail travellers' grim picture

Transport Correspondent

British Rail services, excluding InterCity, have deteri-orated markedly over the past four years, according to the latest passenger survey con-ducted by the Consumer's Association magazine Which?

It showed an overwhelming number of passengers and commuters felt trains are "crowded, dirty, and unreliable," and that many other aspects of the service had deteriorated since the last

Passenger opinions "paint a muters want to see im- of the ride.

aspect that we asked about received either significantly worse, or, at best, no better ratings than those from commuters four years ago,"

the survey said. Of the 500,000 commuters into London during the morning peak, two in three believe the service has got worse, two in five think it is poor value for money, and over two in very poor.

stations a rating of "poor" as far as car parking, platform seating, covered waiting areas,

The survey revealed that overcrowding "is the single most important thing com-

proved seating, punctuality, About 50 per cent of commuters gave their local refreshments, information, loudspeaker announcements and ticket purchasing arrange-

ments were concerned. More than four out of five five rate the service as fairly or InterCity passengers rated their service as good or fairly good and about nine out of ten were happy with punctuality, duration and the smoothness

By Christopher Warman Property Correspondent

Estate agents, including some of the best-known firms, are cheating customers and even breaking the law through sharp practices, Which?, the magazine of the Consumers' Association, alleges today.

Its investigation has produced

"clear evidence" that some agents are handicapping buyers who do not use their financial services; discouraging second offers on houses to make the most of scarce buyers; keeping prices low, without sellers knowing in order to make more sales; and selling the wrong sort of mortgage or un-

necessary insurance to housebuyers so as to gain more commission.

Which? looked into recent allegations by the Law Society and others that some agents are profiting at customers' expense by dishonest and, in some cases, illegal methods. It recruited eight people selling their houses in the south of England and used actors to play potential buyers,

going to nine estate agencies. After examining the eight cases, Which? says: "Clearly there is a need for tighter controls, particularly if our limited investigation is an indication of the standards of practice of estate agents on a national scale."

The Office of Fair Trading is

reviewing estate agency practices and has proposed changes to the law, including banning forced tie-in sales, by which house-hunters buy a property only if they get a mortgage through the estate agent, and a new voluntary code of conduct.

Which? found that two of the eight gencies where it put in two offers on the sellers' houses managed to convince the seller to accept the lower offers that would have earned the agency more commission through selling an insurance-linked mortgage. One agent lied to a seller and the other failed to report the second offer.

The magazine says that an estate agent must, by law, act in the seller's

Decoy clients reveal cheating estate agents

a seller the truth about any offer. Mr Trevor Kent, president of the National Association of Estate Agents, said if the allegations were true, he had to support the call for further controls on agents' activities, but said it was wrong that the agents had been given no chance to put their

side of the story.

Thousands of people have put off going to the dentist because of rising charges, Which? says today. A survey found that nearly a third of people now visit the dentist less often than they did five years ago. The cost of treatment was the main reason for

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BAe says it had no Young sweeteners

By Shella Gann, Political Reporter

British Aerospace directors controversial deal and could yesterday cleared Lord Young of Graffham, the former Secretary of State for Trade and £150 million purchase price by Industry, of offering them special tex favours to close the £150 million Rover sale. They firmly denied being offered "sweeteners" by the Government and tax inspectors to salvage their purchase

of the car group. Questions still remain over whether Lord Young sought to deceive Parliament and the European Commission over the final terms of the deal.

Under questioning from the Commons trade and industry committee yesterday, Mr Ber-nard Friend, BAe's former finance director and the state of the s finance director, admitted seis-takes in a memorandum to his board members which implied

finalizing his report on the own.

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the end of March.

Meanwhile, two Commons committees are closing their inquiries into the deal by investigating the Inland Revenue's role in the closing days of nearlistings. Mr Friend set out in his memorandum on July 5, 1988, ways of closing the £357 million gap between the deal which the E/C was prepared to

approve and what BAe wanted to take over Rover. This memorandum states: "DII proposals: the D'II are trying to cover the gap to bring the amount to be paid to Rover Grosp closer to £890 million." But Mr Friend insisted the DII was offering special yesterday that they were not concessions and "sympathetic" the DII's proposals but his Inland Revenue treatment". own. He also said that the Sir Leon Brittan, Britain's words "sympathetic Island enfor EC countissioner, is Revenue treatment" were his

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Olympic star wins £30,000 damages over wife's claim

She said she did not think

"It was just like the last

throw at the Olympics. I had

to do it or it would have kept raising its head again and again," she said.

"I won my case and I am very delighted. I am glad the

jury recognized the nasty digs.

No, there won't be a celebra-

During the trial the athlete

her name had suffered in spite of the lurid accusations made

during the eight-day trial.

yer in the world".

Miss Tessa Sanderson, winner applied for a 14-day stay of Olympic and Common-wealth Games gold medals in the javelin, was awarded £30,000 damages in the High Court in London yesterday over newspaper claims that she stole another woman's

When the jury announced its decision, Miss Sanderson, aged 33, gasped "thank God" and cried with joy. She later said: "It's been worth the hell I've been through. It's been an awful, awful experience."

The damages were awarded against Mirror Group Newspapers and two journalists. Articles in the Sunday Mirror and People last year carried accusations by Mrs Jewei Evans, a beautician aged 36, alleging that the athlete had lured away her husband, Mr Derrick Evans, aged 37, a physical fitness instructor.

Mr Evans punched the beach with his fist when the finding was returned. He said the outcome was a vindication of Miss Sanderson's decision to sue. "It was nothing to do with the money: we had to do it to clear Tess."

Neither he nor Miss Sanderson would comment on suggestions that they might soon marry.

In addition to the award, Mr Justice Michael Davies made an order against the newspapers of £30,000 costs, £20,000 of which will come from money paid into court by Mirror Group Newspapers in

Mr George Carman, QC, for Mrs Evans: Said husband was lured into an affair.

had told the court she felt "cheap and dirty" when she had read the articles. She Evans, who is still her lover, did not begin until after the break-up of his stormy

After the jury's decision, reached after less than three hours' deliberation, Miss Sanderson hugged and kissed her lawyers and described Mr Richard Hartley, QC, her counsel, as "the greatest lawyer in the modd". articles did not state baldly that Miss Sanderson had stolen Mrs Evans' husband, but there were sufficient grounds to suspect that what she said might be true.

The Sunday Mirror article said Mrs Evans claimed Miss Sanderson "lured her husband into a passionate affair by dangling the promise of fame and fortune".

Miss Sanderson and Mr Evans told the court they first had sexual intercourse in early February 1989, significantly later than the date claimed by

Earlier, the judge had told the jury that, if it found in favour of the athlete, it should "not go mad" about damages but pitch it against the cost of a Chinese meal with friends, a good holiday, a car or even a house, depending on how it saw the severity of the libel. The jury did not know until

afterwards that the newspaper group had paid £20,000 into Had the award been £10,000 less, it would have meant that Miss Sanderson would have had to pay for her defence costs, in spite of winning the

The newspapers' costs were



derson and Mr Evans after the verdict last night: "It had nothing to do with money. We had to do it to clear Tess."

Mrs Evans refused to com-

 The judge had warned the jury yesterday not to "go mad" in awarding any dam-ages to Miss Sanderson and advised: "This is not a footbell pools case" (Our Legal Correspondent writes).

The judge, who is in charge of the High Court jury list, was trying to give some kind of framework to the jury of five men and seven women in its task of arriving at appropriate

It is not the first time Mr Justice Michael Davies has had to steer juries to award

sensible sums. In Lord Aldington's liber action against Count Nikolai Tolstoy and Mr Nigel Watts, the judge warned the jury not to deal in "Mickey Mouse" figures. The award set a record of £1.5 million.

Pending the coming into force of the Lord Chancellor's reforms which will widen the Court of Appeal's powers to vary libel damages and enable more guidance to be given, Mr Justice Michael Davies has the task of trying to guide juries away from the huge sums widely reported in the few sensational cases.

Referring to the award to Lord Aldington, and that to Times Newspapers in the action between Mr Andrew Neil, editor of The Sunday Times, and Mr Peregrine Worsthorne, former editor of the Sunday Telegraph the judge said: "In that very box over the last six months, jurors have awarded sums

tween 60p and £1.5 million. "This is not a football pools case, not £1.5 million, but that case (Aldington) was as different from this as chalk and cheese, rain from sun. "Equally the 60p case was different, in many ways."

He warned the jury: "You are not dealing with money that grows on trees which you can hand out ad lib."The judge is known to be concerned about the disparity in media coverage between huge libel sums and small ones which tends in turn to fuel higher and higher damages.

There are large numbers of

small awards of between £5,000 and £20,000 where the jury is "on target", because their awards match the sums the defendants pay into court by way of settlement offers. But they do not attract press

Jail-swap prisoners escape in seized car

By Quentin Cowdry

Four prisoners described by police as highly dangerous were on the run last night after overpowering warders in a van in Surrey and hijacking a Mercedes sports car to escape. The escape came when one The escape came when one of nine inmates being taken from Wandsworth Prison, south London, to the Parkhurst maximum security jail on the Isle of Wight, drew a knife and threatened and sightly injured one of the five warders escorting them.

Four of the prisoners then commandeered the two-seat car, at Churt, near Hindhead. The other five inmates stayed in the van until police arrived. The car's owner, a retired teacher, Mr Peter Dakeyne, aged 72, of Broadstairs, Kent, was leaving the Pride and Valley public house in Churt efter asking directions when he saw the prisoners, wearing standard-issue blue trousers and blue-and-white striped shirts, taking the car. He said that the men had thrown

baggage out to make space.

Det Supt Len Withall, of
Surrey police, urged the public
not to approach the missing
men, who had all been "connected with violence".

nected with violence".

They are: James Ayres, aged 24, serving six years for theft and robbery; Gregory Crabtee, aged 24, serving 10 years for robbery, possessing a firearm and conspiracy to rob; James Moore, 24, jailed for robbery and possessing firearms; and David Wilde, 30, jailed for robbery and firearms offences.

PORTFOLIO

There were no valid claims in yesterday's £4,000 Portfolio Platimum competition. The prize money today has accumulated to £6,000.

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confusion in death of actor's son

Blood samples sent by a pathologist in Japan were probably not from the twin son of Alan Bates the actor, whose death may have been caused by an asthma attack after an allergic reaction to an anti-cholera injection, an inquest was told yesterday.

actor and male model, died in Tokyo on January 13 shortly after the injection for a working trip to Thailand, the inquest at Westminster was told. Dr Iain West, the patholo-

gist, said a Japanese postmortem examination showed Bates had a reading of 80 milligrammes of alcohol to 100 millilitres of blood, but his own figures disclosed an amount of 66 milligrammes.

Dr West said the blood samples sent by a pathologist from Japan were probably not the deceased's. He found no injection marks and no evidence of him ever having had an asthmatic attack. He thought the findings related to an acute allergic reaction to the injection and gave the cause of death as acute asthma. Bates, of St John's Wood, north-west Loudon, had the

injection on January 12. "I'm surprised he wasn't tested for a controlled drug. Most medical examiners in the world would," Dr West said. In an open verdict, Dr Paul Knapman, the coroner, said:

"It is unlikely the blood samples from Japan related to Tristan Bates." He said: "What happened out there is something we really do not know."

Tristan's father and twin brother attended the inquest.

"a wonderful young man".

es, her boy friend.

Blood test | Police 'knew killer of heiress in 1977'

Police investigating the mur-der of Miss Janie Shepherd, the Australian heiress, told her "Why on earth was this lady mother and her boy friend that they knew who the killer was in 1977, St Albans Crown Court was told yesterday.

Miss Shepherd disappeared in February 1977 and her body was not found until April. Yesterday Mrs Phyllis evidence at the trial of Mr David Lashley, who was first arrested in connection with the murder in February 1977 but has only now been brought to trial after allegedly confessing to the crime to fellow

Mrs Darling identified linen and jewellery which she had given to her daughter. She wore a simple gold ring which her daughter was wearing when she disappeared. Mrs Darling took a gold chain which she had given to Miss Shepherd from an envelope. On it hung a pendant of Woodstock, the cartoon character, given to Miss Shepherd by Mr Roddy Kinkead-Week-

At the end of Mrs Darling's

Alliott, the judge, asked: "Why on earth was this lady called?" Mr Michael Kalisher, QC, for the prosecution, said it was at her own request.

Mrs Helen Grindrod, QC, for the defence, asked whether Mrs Darling had been given a pledge by Det Chief Supt Mooney, the officer in charge daughter's death, that he would find her killer. Mrs Darling said that she could not recall. Mrs Grindrod said: "Did he tell you he believed he knew who the man was?" Mrs Darling said: "Yes."

Three people who had been to a dance in King's Langley, Hertfordshire, on the night Miss Shepherd disappeared gave evidence of how they followed what may have been her Mini car for about four miles between King's Langley and Hemel Hempstead. Mrs Lynn Pedder and her husband Kenneth had noticed the Mini because its number plate closely resembled Mr Pedder's initials. Miss Shepherd's car registration was KGM 300P.

The case continues today.

Marital rape charge In a legal test case, a man accused of raping his wife was yest-erday committed for trial by Leicester Castle Magistrates' Court

(Craig Seton writes). Reporting restrictions were not lifted. Mrs Christina Coles, chairman of the bench, committed the case to Leicester Crown Court. The man was charged with rape under Section 1 of the Sexual Offences Act, 1956 and with assault and causing actual bodily

harm on November 12. Mr John Milmo, QC, appeared for the Crown Prosecution Service. Mr Graham Buchanan, for the defence, did not apply for bail.

The case is expected to test the law in England and Wales on whether a man can be convicted of raping his wife when they are living apart, but there is no separation order. The Law Commission is to review the law on marital rape.

Transplant team 'knew very well kidneys had been sold'

A Harley Street physician was closely involved in the sale of kidneys to private patients in London, and the transplant surgeon with whom he worked chose to look the other way, the General Medical Council was told yesterday.

Mr Roger Henderson, QC, for the GMC, told a disci-plinary hearing that Dr Raymond Crockett knew very well that Turkish kidney donors were being paid and were not related to the recipients.

The kidney of one of the donors had been matched against 11 potential recipients. There was no way that Mr Ahmet Koc could have been brought to Britain to give it to a relative. Further evidence of payment had been produced in a letter signed by Dr Crockett authorizing payment of £3,500 to Mr Ata Nur Kunter, said to be a kidney broker.

Mr Henderson was giving his closing address to the hearing at which Dr Crockett; Mr Michael Bewick, a transplant surgeon; and Mr Michael Joyce are accused of duct. Dr Crockett has chosen not to give evidence. Mr Henderson said the charge that Dr Crockett failed

to establish whether Mr Koc derstood that he was to have accepted responsibility for Mr his kidney removed might be thought to be the gravest allegation. "If Mr Koc did not know he was going to have a kidney removed, it is surely a tragedy for everyone."

Mr Henderson agreed the wording of an advertisement for donors in the Egyptian newspaper Al Ahram pre-cluded the idea that Dr Crockett had initiated it; but it was inconceivable that his secretary, Mrs Ann Whatley, did not refer to Dr Crockett calls from people offering kidneys. Mr Henderson accused Mrs Whatley of lying to protect Dr Crockett and, in doing so, she had revealed that he had

condened the advertisements.

Turning to Mr Joyce, Mr

Henderson said although his brilliant surgery had belped to save many lives, his approach had been unethical in that he had failed to see the donors or recipients as his patients. That was important in the case of Mr Bewick, who

Joyce whom he regarded as his assistant. Mr Bewick's case was that be was entitled to rely absolutely on a system whereby Dr Crockett would assume responsibility for preparing

patients for surgery.

Mr Bewick had categorically denied that he took part in the sale of kidneys. He had said it was anoth-ema to him and that there was no possibility of the donors

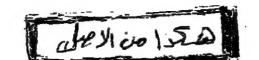
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blind? Mr Henderson said: "The truth was there staring him in the face. Mr Bewick was not looking," The inquiry was adjourned

But could be have been so





THE GUINNESS CASE

Saunders 'bought shares in support of small brewery'

Share support operations such Guinness affair, are regarded as a legitimate takeover tactic, a jury was told yesterday.

Indeed, shortly before Brown to help it to fight a takeover bid by Scottish and Newcastle Breweries, Mr Ol-ivier Roux, Guinness's former finance director, told South-

Only the purchasing of a company's own shares was a number of acceptances.
grey area and the practice was so widespread as to be of little concern, Mr Roux said

under cross-examination by Mr Michael Sherrard, QC, for Gerald Ronson, chairman of Heron International.

Mr Ronson; Guinness's former chairman and chief exec-utive Ernest Saunders; the stockbroker Anthony Parnes; and the financier Sir Jack Lyons deny 24 counts of theft, false accounting and breaches of the Companies Act arising out of an alleged illegal share support operation during the battle between Guinness and the Argyll supermarket chain

to take over Distillers in 1986. Yesterday, Mr Roux desshare support operation mounted to help Matthew Brown, a Guinness customer.

He said that Mr Saunders had lunch with a director of J Schroder Wagg, Matthew Brown's merchant bank, in December 1985, and was asked to buy shares in the brewery and not accept the Scottish and Newcastle offer.

Mr Sherrard: "This is known as not assenting the shares?" Mr Roux: "Yes." Mr Sherrard: "What

Mr Roux: "Guinness bought the shares and if Guinness lost money the company was told that the loss would be made good by

Matthew Brown," Mr Roux said he contacted Mr Nicholas Jones - the director who had lunched with Mr Saunders — and discussed the matter. Mr Jones said Guinness would not lose any money on the deal and that Matthew Brown's chairman. Mr Patrick Townsend, would

confirm that directly. stockbroker Mr Anthony Parnes, who would make the purchases on behalf of Guinness. Mr Parnes pointed out that it was almost certain Guinness would lose money on the deal and emphasized the importance of Guinness

being covered for loss. Mr Roux said that Mr Townsend confirmed personally that Guinness was covered; and Guinness bought about half a million shares in Matthew Browne, spending some £2.5 million.

Mr Roux agreed that the initial approach had come from Schroders, which Mr Sherrard pointed out was the Government's merchant banker in the privatization of the water industry.

In respect of the share support scheme said to have been launched during the Distillers battle, Mr Roux said none of Guinness's advisers had made any mention that the tactics might be illegal.

Guinness's advisers su that the directors could face a of the Companies Act.

"I learned from Mr Parnes that market tactics were an the Distillers drinks group, it entirely natural and accepted had spent £2.5 million buying practice. Purchasing shares shares in the brewery Matthew was a blocking strategy all to was a blocking strategy all to unsettle share prices."

> Mr Parnes also told him that buying one's own shares was done to maintain price levels, as the purchase of shares in the target company was done to increase the

Mr Roux said Mr Parnes had told him it was a grey area and companies could be reprimanded by the Takeover Panel if they did not disclose matters the panel thought they should. "But it was widespread and therefore of little cause for concern. I understood it to be a common practice in relation to a hostile

"Morgan Grenfell might have to justify it to the Takeover Panel if it was

THE CHARGES

Ernest Saunders, aged 54, of Putney, south-west London, faces two charges of conspiring to contravene the Prevention of Fraud (Investments) Act; two of authorizing or permitting Guinness to contravene the Companies Act; eight of false accounting; two of theft and one of destroying

Hampstead, north-west London, faces one charge of aiding Saunders to permit Companies Act; two of false accounting and one of theft.

Anthony Parnes, 44, of Loudon, faces five charges of false accounting and two of

Sir Jack Lyons, 74, of ton, west London, faces one charge of conspiring to contravene the fraud prevention Act; one of conspiracy to contravene the Com-panies Act; one of aiding Saunders to permit Guinness to contravene the Companies and one of theft.

discovered and might be Later, Mr Roux spoke to the criticized for it. They were ockbroker Mr Anthony Parpared to take that risk." Mr Sherrard asked him: "The question of finding supporters was something that was understood for all practical purposes from day one."
Mr Roux replied: "From

before day one." Mr Sherrard: "It was known that this was likely to be the shape of the battle."

Mr Roux: "Yes." Mr Sherrard asked him if it was Guinness's belief that once it entered the fray, Argyll would indulge in sabotage tactics. Mr Roux replied: "Yes, Guinness knew it must

be prepared for Argyll to become aggressive." Mr Rox agreed that Guinness's advisers were among the best known and respected

names in the City. Its brokers Cazenove were regarded as "the royal firm"; its merchant banker Morgan Grenfell included a former chairman of the Takeover Panel, Mr Graham Walsh,

At no time had any of among its senior executives; and its management consul-tants Bain had an international reputation. Guinoess's auditors, Price Water-

house, were the biggest in the world and had a "most pres-tigious reputation"; and the

firm's lawyers Freshfields were also solicitors to the Bank of England. Mr Sherrard asked Mr Roux about advice given by Mr Anthony Salz of Freshfields in which he had considered whether an agreement by the Distillers directors to indemnify Guinness for its expenses in the takeover might be considered a breach of the

Companies Act regulations preventing companies giving financial assistance in the purchase of its shares. Mr salz, who was regarded as the leading mergers and acquisition legal expert in the City, had recommended that there were ways of getting round that within the law.

Mr Roux also agreed that Cazenove had set up a special arrangement to counteract an Argyll tactic to reduce the Guinness share price by dumping shares on the market late at night.

"Cazenove had a dealer on the alert ready to buy shares when they were dumped. If this was sabotage out of hours movement out of hours also."

Mr Sherrard asked Mr Roux if he knew that, in the middle of the takeover battle on March 4, 1986, the Stock Exchange had announced it required companies to have shareholders' approval for the issue of indemnities in the support of a takeover bid.

Mr Roux said yes. Mr Sherrard said that the rule was not made retrospective and noted that it made a sufficient impression for Mr Roux for him to include it in his statement to Department of Trade and Industry inspec-tors. Mr Sherrard said that he understood from Mr Roux's statement that he regarded the system of finding supporters in a bid as part of "a banker's armoury". Mr Roux agreed.

Mr Sherrard: "Two other merchant banks were mengan Grenfell." Mr Roux: "Yes."

Mr Sherrard: "Did you think they did it for nothing?" Mr Roux: "No. Banks don't do anything for nothing. They have a duty to earn money for their shareholders."

Mr Roux agreed that one of the merchant banks brought in by Morgan Grenfell bought shares in Distillers and sold those shares to Morgan Grenfell at cost price which was above the market price.

Mr Sherrard said that, on the face of it, Guinness was going to bear the cost of that and that he was talking about millions of pounds. Mr Sherrard asked Mr Roux if anyone had ever suggested that the Guinness support operation should be kept secret. Mr Roux said yes, but only in terms of confidentiality surrounding the bid. Mr Sherrard: "You never

thought at any time that the share support scheme in the takeover was illegal?" Mr Roux: "No, but now I know better."

Change in law 'needed to protect genetic parents'

Improved laws are needed to protect the rights of infertile couples who have babies born to surrogate mothers, MPs and embryo research support-ers said yesterday.

They were responding to the ase, described in a letter to case, described in a letter to The Times yesterday, of the genetic parents of twins carried by a surrogate mother. The parents believe that as the law stands they would have to adopt their own children in order to have legal rights towards them.

The parents' case was ex-lained by Mr Derek Forrest, their solicitor, of Prestor Lancashire. He said because mother was traditionally thought of as the person from whose womb the baby issued, the genetic mother appeared to have no legal rights towards her own children.

In the case of his clien who cannot be identified the surrogate mother is mak-ing no claims on the children but the parents are reinctant to have to go through the process

The babies, less than a year old, were conceived by in-vitro fertilization because their genetic mother has ovaries but no womb. The embryos were implanted in a woman, willing to act as a surrogate, who handed the babies over at birth.

References to surrogacy arrangements in the Human Fertilization and Embryology Bill, which is soon to come before the House of Comme will now be more carefully considered, two MPs said

Mr Peter Thurnham, Conthis case illustrates the need to servative MP for Bolton North-east, and Mr Dafydd tackle it very carefully. cides to keep the child she has Wigley, Plaid Cymra MP for Caernafon, are leading parliamentary supporters of the clause in the Bill which would her side. But clearly the law allow embryo research to conshould also take into account tinue to help infertile couples.

Mr Thurnham said: "The ents, especially if there is no

th William Shaw, a twin conceived by in-vitro fertilization, lobbying at the Commons yesterday. Dr Bolton, an embryologist, wi dispute between the parties ortant in the Bill and

yologist at King's College ital, London, said: "The

Mr Wigley said: "This point dly be taken up supports embryo research said: "We are very concerne about cases like this and the rights of infertile couples who question of surrogacy has been are going to bring up a child, side-stepped by Parliament so whether it is wholly or partly far and needs to be addressed. They

£25 million shortfall. Added

mated £80 million, the Lon-

don regions would have to

Deficits already announced

find more than £100 million.

Lambeth health authority,

£8.9 million: Riverside dis-

trict, west London, £6.8 mil-

lion; Parkside health authority, £4.5 million; Wandsworth, £3 million. Those dis-

tricts are now discussing

swingeing cuts across a variety

of services, and in some cases

compulsory redundancies.

Riverside district is now nego-

tiating with unions over a pro-

posal to withdraw its no com-

The survey shows that Kingston, which has a £2

million deficit, is planning to

close two to three wards; Bromley, £400,000 in debt,

proposes cuts in dental and

district nursing services and Hounslow, £1.9 million in

debt is planning a £1.3 million

• Campaigners opposed to the Government's health ser-

vice reforms are lobbying MPs this afternoon. Save the NHS,

which includes several Lon-

don-based groups, will also be

gathering signatures for a pe-tition outside the Department

of Health this morning.

queline Haddon, who had moved there with her husband, a diver. He

told her he was "a sort of

policeman" and befriended her

after her marriage broke up. The couple began an affair.

land in 1984, setting up home at

Middleton-on-Sea, near Bognor, West Sussex. In 1985 Castigador

followed her, to get married and obtain UK citizenship. But after

moving in he began beating her up and ill-treating their two children. The couple are now divorced. He

moved to London and went to

Castigador had admitted mur-

der, attempted murder and

Two youths with him on the raid, Calvin Nelson, aged 20, and Paul Clinton, aged 18, both of Burwell Walk, Bow, were convicted of murder and attempted

murder. Nelson was ordered to be detained for life in a young offenders' institution. Clinton was

entenced to detention during Her

Karen Dunn, aged 18, of North-ern Road, east London, and Alli-son Woodside, aged 21, of Severn

work at the arcade.

Majesty's pleasure.

Mrs Haddon returned to Eng-

package of cuts.

should be recognized in law as the natural parents." Mrs Biggs and Dr Bolton were taking part in a lobby of MPs at Westminster in which the parents of test-tube babies sed their support for legally controlled embryo re-search. Dr Bolton is also chairman of Progress, the campaign for research into human reproduction.

Victory for

Burnet in

Doctors say hospital cuts will leave suicidal patients at risk on streets

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

An internationally renowned psychiatric hospital is proposing significant cuts in services for children and adolescents to save £630,000 next year, it emerged yesterday.

Doctors claimed the cuts at the Maudsley Hospital, south London, would lead to suicidal patients being left on the streets and abused children being sent back to their

The disclosure came as ted claims by Mr Kenneth which would have to be orders from the Department Clarke, Secretary of State for carried forward to next year. of Health to clear underlying Health, that service reduc- He rebutted claims by Mr deficits will result in shortfalls tions planned in several districts were not due to government underfunding.

Health Authorities will launch both to the review body higher. "Balancing the books another survey today to assess groups and for other health this year can only be achieved shortfalls across the country and the reasons for them.

The moves coincided with a report by the London Health Emergency group, which says an extra £100 million is needed to reopen beds and avoid further cuts in the London area.

The proposed reductions at the Maudsley, which will be put to the special health authority on March 12, include reducing services at the only 24-hour psychiatric emergency clinic in London. Other services affected in-

clude Hilda Lewis House, a national centre for mentally handicapped children, a ward The case continues today.

"We have already lost £1:4 service workers," he said. Mr through major cuts in sermillion in the last two years Clarke's comments were "unand the extra £600,000 loss is a terminal blow," Dr Martin Deahl, a senior registrar, said. The Mandsley is now

providing second-rate care for reduced." Mr Eric Byers, district general manager of the Bethlem

Royal Hospital and the Maudsley Hospital special health authority, said the au-Clarke that this was not due to of £100 million next year. underfunding.

The National Association of underfunded for pay awards to £2 million, with some much

realistic. We have now run out non-clinical areas. Regrettably patient services will have to be Psychiatric services are also

likely to be hit at the Springfield Hospital, Wandsworth, to district deficits of an estisouth London, in measures to save £3 million. The London Health Emer-

Most districts had built up "We have persistently been deficits of between £1 million

Surgeon's NHS protest

A surgeon who resigned from a health authority over NHS cuts yesterday boycotted the Prime Minister's visit to open a new block at the hospital where he works (Our Social Services Correpondent writes). Mr Philip Lyndon, a general surgeon at Dewsbury district hospital, West Yorkshire, said he was not prepared to cancel patient sessions to listen to someone who conduned cuts in one of

the country's most deprived districts. "Dewsbury has the worst rate for heart disease and

hypertension and the second worst rate for perinatal mortality," said Mr Lyndon. "Yet Mrs Thatcher and her Government are prepared to let these cuts go ahead. I was not prepared to attend a ceremony where I knew I wouldn't be allowed to speak up." Mr Lyndon, a member of the district management board, said

Dewsbury authority, facing a shortfall of over £500,000, had agreed to close 63 beds which would save £500,000 next year. for disturbed adolescents, a ward for psychiatrically ill caused by underfunding and said the district had been children and a national demonstration centre for community health council claimed cutbacks had been deliberately trying to run down the beds by discharing people early. The district declined to comment but a spokesman for the nity care of the mentally ill. region denied that beds were closed for financial reasons.

battle over ITN The Government had

Media Editor underfunded next year's pay award by £13 million in Sir Alastair Burnet has won-London and underfunding on his battle over the firture inflation, estimated at 7.5 per ownership of ITN, a week cent, would create a further after a boardroom disagree-

ment with independent television executives prompted his resignation as a director. His plan to allow outside investors to buy 51 per cent of. the television news organization's shares, and so end ITV's total ownership, has the firm support of the Prime Minister and Mr David Mellor, the Home Office Minister responsible for broad-

casting, it was authoritatively confirmed yesterday. Sir Alastair's resignation and the opposition of ITV companies has stiffened the Government's resolve not to give way over proposals in the Broadcasting Bill that will reduce ITVs share in ITN to

49 per cent from 1993. . ITV executives, who form a majority on the ITN board, last Monday supported a plan submitted to ministers by the Independent Broadcasting Authority suggesting that the proposed Independent Television Commission should decide on ITN's ownership, with two-thirds of shares

being held by ITV. Sir Alastair believes the best-way for ITN to develop in the 1990s is to bring in new capital and commercial ideas with a majority shareholding from outside. It is understood that he suggested the different ownership structure to Mrs

Thatcher in the first place. The ITN board insisted that every television network must own its network news and warned that conflicts could arise if outsiders held the majority of shares.

Now ITV executives on the board and Sir David Nicholas, chairman of ITN, face the embarrassing task of un-tangling themselves from a cause which has no chance of

A senior Government source said yesterday: "They got themselves into this hole. Now they will have to dig themselves out of it." Sir Alastair declined to

 The Government is not planning a campaign against the BBC in the run-up to the next general election, senior ministers insisted yesterday.

A flurry of recent attacks against the corporation and the alleged bias of some of its journalists, led by Mr Norman lebbit, the former Conservative party chairman, had prompted widespread specu-lation that Downing Street had implicitly sanctioned such

a campaign.

However, senior ministers, yesterday denied the existence of any action planned against

One source said: "Norman Tebbit is fully entitled to say. what he says and some people will agree with him, but there are people who disagree. He was certainly not put up to it by anybody."

Soho 'human torch' murderer is jailed for 25 years

A hit man for the late President Marcos of the Philippines was jailed for life yesterday for the "human torch" murder of two guards at a Soho amusement arcade in the West End of London.

Mr Justice Rougier, who recom-mended that Victor Castigador serve a minimum of 25 years, told him: "I find it almost impossible to understand the workings of a mind as twisted and evil as yours". The Central Criminal Court

heard that Castigador, whose Spanish name means "the enforcer", was the ring leader of a gang that doused the two guards in white spirit and set them alight on April 2 He boasted to detectives of being

a member of an official assassination squad and claimed to have murdered "around" 20 people for the Marcos government. The judge said: "Not to put too fine a point on it, he was a hit man for the late President Marcos." Referring to the Soho murder, he told him: You were the man who planned this and recruited for it and with evil determination saw it through,

"You have forfeited the right to walk free for a very long time. Some might say you have forfeited the right to live at all but unlike you, we do not go to that length in this country." The judge said Castigador had condemned his victims to an agonizing death

without "one shred of pity or

mercy". The court heard that Castigador will be deported to the Philippines as soon as he completes his

Castigador, aged 35, a broadlybuilt man about 5ft tall, was the ringleader in "murder most foul", the court was told. He planned revenge because of a grudge he bore over lack of advancement at the Leisure Investments amusement arcade in Wardour Street, where he had worked as a security guard.

He decided in advance that staff members would have to die. Armed with an imitation gun, he led the raid on the arcade and ordered Mr Ambikaipahan Apa-payan, aged 21, Mr Kandiah-kanapathy Vinayagamoorthy, aged 28, the guards; Mr Yurev Gomez, aged 25, the duty manager, and Miss Debbie Alvarez, aged 27, the cashier; into a wire cage in the basement strongroom with their hands tied behind their backs.

He sprinkled them with spirit, secured the door, pushed a paper through the wire, stuffed more under the door and set it alight. Then the gang escaped with £9,000 in takings.

Despite suffering dreadful burns Mr Gomez and Miss Alvarez survived by breathing air from a keyhole and under a door. They were in court to see the five



Victor Castigador, the ring leader of "murder most foul", and (top pair) Calvin Nelson and Paul Clinton, convicted of murder and attempted murder; (above) Karen Dunn and Alison Woodside, guilty of robbery.

court "There was a ball of fire. Everything went up. My skin was on fire. I could feel myself disintegrate." He now wears a black glove over his left hand, while Miss

sentenced. Mr Gomez told the Alvarez is having her nose rebuilt the Philippines before being reby surgeons at the Queen Mary's cruited at the age of 21 into "the Hospital burns unit at Rochampton. Castigador, of Gillender Street, Bow, east London, had worked as a diver in . In the Philippines, Castigador

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Philippines constabulary", a quasimilitary organization combining military and police duties.

Drive, Upminster, Essex, who had denied all charges, were cleared of murder and attempted murder but found guilty of robbery. Dunn was given three years' youth custody, Woodside three and a half years in

DNA test on bones may resolve truth about Nazi doctor

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

ine the remains of the man said to be Dr Josef Mengele, the Nazi mass murderer, in an ttempt to resolve once and for all whether they are those

ied in Embu cemetery, São
Paulo, Brazil, using DNA
finger-printing, a technique
that can match the genetic
the corpse, including X-ray
matches of the skull with the

code of a father with his child. The scientist, who pioneered DNA finger-printing, admits that the age of the bones, thought to have been buried in 1979, will stretch the technology to its limits.

However, he believes enough genetic material has survived to attempt to prove whether tissue from the bones and from Mengele's first wife match that of his lawyer son,

The tests may help to solve the 40-year-old mystery of the fate of the "Angel of Death" the man responsible for some of the worst atrocities of the Second World War.

In 1944, after the Allied invasion of Normandy, Mengele escaped to South America from the concentration camp at Auschwitz, where he was responsible for the torture and murder of more than 400,000 Jews, many of them children.

Mengele managed to dodge his pursuers until 1985 when Brazilian police, acting on a tip off from West Germany. Wiesenthal, the Nazi hunter, traced him to two Austrian Liselotte Bossert, who admitted hiding him.

for all whether they are those of the barbarous concentration camp doctor.

Professor Alec Jeffreys, of Leicester University, is to test bones, which have been bundled in Earlie and the second secon

In spite of extensive tests on the corpse, including X-ray matches of the skull with the Nazi doctor's dental records, the Israeli Government and the West German Senior Public Prosecutor, Hans-Eberhard Klein, refused to accept the death verdict.

Mr Klein has claimed that the Brazilian scientists, who examined bones, skin and hair of the deceased, established



Professor Jeffreys: To use DNA test on bones.

aged 31, said from his office in Vienna, that he would await the DNA tests with great

gele's death, Mr Wiesenthal claims new evidence has made him believe the Embu corpse is a fake. His case rests on the bizarre approach by Mengele's stepson, Karl-Heinz Mengele, and his nephew, Hans Sedl-maier, to the former Ausch-witz physician, Dr Theo Munch, in 1982.

One of the questions they are said to have asked of Munch was for which of his crimes would Mengele be prosecuted if he turned himself in, despite having apparently died three years earlier.

A book by Mr Ben Abraham, a Brazilian journalist, has raised other unresolved questions. A dentist, for example, is said to have treated Mengele two months after his

Professor Jeffreys, who has been called in by the West German Government, would not say when the tests might be completed. If they prove negative then one of the world's greatest manhunts will have to be resumed.

About a hundred twins, victims of Mengele's brutal medical experiments and among the 180 infants found alive by the Allies at Auschwitz, still survive. If Mengele were still alive today he would The art and science of putting bricks together





Enuma Dunstone, aged 10, of Harrow, Middlesex, kneeling before a LEGO man in obeisance to brick-fixing ingenuity at the Science Museum in London yesterday. The hostile cat (right) is also built from the Danish company's plastic bricks, which form the focus of "The Art and Science of LEGO" exhibition opening today. Other items on show include a LEGO organ that plays music, a working replica of a large mill engine and a 14ft crane built over 12 weeks.

Japanese museum spends £3m on Rodin casting

A Japanese museum is spend-ing an estimated £3 million on Japan, where it will become a replica of Rodin's bronze sculpture, "The Gates of museum of modern art, v Hell". The price compares is to be opened in 1993. with the auction record for the "We are allowed by Fi artist of £521,000.

The sculpture, commissioned by the city museum of Shizuoka, south-west of Mount Fuji, has been auth-orized by the Rodin Museum ing one in Tokyo and one at in Paris. It will be cast in pieces by the museum's foundry, La Fonderie de

the focal point of the city's museum of modern art, which "We are allowed by French

law to make 12 in any casting of bronzes," M Jacques Vilain, the Rodin Museum's Stanford in California."

Rodin worked on "The

by Sarah Jane Checkland Art Market Correspondent

life, incorporating many figures which have become famous in their own right.

The American abstract artist Sam Francis commanded the two top lots at Sotheby's contemporary art sale in New Gates of Hell" throughout his York, with Japanese dealers as of a chain of spattered paint, while another spent £195,035 on "EIV", a grid from similar

A giant, jokey replica of a typewriter eraser by Claes Oldenburg tripled its estimate, selling for £182,033. The sale totalled £9,288,000. With 10 per cent unsold it was in line with expectations.

However, Sotheby's mis-

the buyers. One paid \$385,000 calculated badly on the esti-(£227,541), or double estimate mates for two minor Old for a colourful 1974 painting Master paintings in London mates for two minor Old Master paintings in London yesterday.

> "A Prospect of the Bay of Naples", by Antonio Joli, sold for £46,200 (estimate £6,000 to £8,000) to Chaucer Fine Art of London, while a panorama of military conflicts between Venetian and Turkish forces in Greece, attributed to Quaristo, fetched £82,500 (estimate £7,000) to the dealers

Barristers' chambers

'Practice managers' to replace clerks

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

A set of barristers' chambers or insurance. Strong intellecin the Temple is advertising tually, and a first-class man for a "senior practice man-manager, you will have a ager" at an annual salary of sound besic knowledge of £50,000 to take over the job which traditionally was filled by the barrister's clerk.

most prestigious barristers'

Instead of the old-style position of clerk, often filled through a network of personal contacts, chambers are going outside for qualified professional administrators and are becoming more demanding in the range of skills they

Mr Peter Cresswell, QC, the Bar chairman, said yesterday: The clerking system needs to be restructured to provide arrangements tailored to the 1990s. Many chambers are adopting new structures and, in particular, separating the function of practice manager and administrator."

The new post of practice manager is likely to be increasingly adopted as chambers reorganize themselves along modern business lines.

The post being advertised seeks applications from in-dividuals working either in the legal field or "as a senior week the administrator in the pro-licence fessions, the City, commerce office.

legal, financial and computer

the barrister's clerk. Mr Peter Adderley, manag-The "newly created" post is ing director of Hoggett Bowsaid to be within "one of the ers, the recruitment agency that placed the advertisement hambers", where the success- in The Times, said chambers ful applicant would take over-all responsibility for the ticated, that like "any other clerking and administration of service industry they need to be run by professional

It was necessary to pay such a salary if chambers were to attract the top-class management material they needed.

The forthcoming report on the strategy of the Bar is expected to contain proposals for improving the organization of chambers. The earnings of barristers'

clerks are a secret. But as many are still on an element of commission, earnings fluc-tuate with those of their barristers. A few clerks in top chambers would earn more than £50,000. Many earn less. A second big City firm of solicitors has set up in East Berlin. Baker and Mackenzie announced yesterday it was opening offices in both East

and West Berlin. Frene Cholmeley, another London firm with European links, announced earlier this week that it has been granted a licence to open an East Berlin



Call to ban coursing

Conservative and Labour MPs yesterday united to launch a cross-party parliamentary campaign to get hare coursing banned. They pledged to press the Government to allow time for a debate and free vote.

At the same time the League Against Cruel Sports published the results of an opinion poll of MPs which showed that 217 of 255 MPs - 85 per cent - were opposed to the sport in which pairs of greyhounds pursue hares. The sport was supported by only eight Tory MPs.

Malik Larbe, aged 18, a The television presenter Rob-trainee baker of Wolver- ert Kilroy-Silk won "substanhampton, appeared in court yesterday accused of a £1 million water shares fraud. He was remanded on bail until

Pay boost

The Royal Mail is to give more than 5,500 postal workers pay supplements of £10 a week as part of a campaign to keep staff. The £25 million mainly outside the South-east.

Canal clean-up An 18th-century canal basin at Chester which has been hidden for decades has been

revealed during a clean-up operation along the Shrop-shire Union Canal. Cartoon show

Russian cartoons tracing glasnost and perestroika are to go on show in England for the first time. The cartoons from the magazine Krokodil can be seen at the University of Kent, Canterbury, from March 13 to

Fraud charge Libel damages

tial" libel damages against UK Press Gazette in the High Court yesterday over allega-tions that his newspaper col-umn had to be "ghosted".

Prison escape Police were yesterday searching for Simon Cribb, aged 26,

of Birmingham, who escaped from Sudbury Open Prison, Derbyshire, within an hour of arriving.

Struck off

Graeme Holland, aged 37, an optician of Malvern, Hereford assaulted a boy aged 15 in spite of being treated with a powerful drug to reduce his sex drive, has been struck off the register by the General Optical Council.

Back to school

After two years of negotiations the first group of 20 senior businessmen will begin a three-week management course at Manchester Business School next week.

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unilateral ceasefire in war with Contras

ally ordered an immediate ceasefire in the war against the Contras, while Senora Violeta Chamorro, the country's President-elect, tried in her turn to persuade the rebels to lay down their arms.

President Ortega has made it a condition for the orderly transfer of power to Señora Chamorro's American-backed National Opposition Union (UNO) that the Contras

should stop fighting.
On the ceasefire, a statement issued by Senor Ortega's office said: "The President of the republic has decided to order from today a unilateral halt to offensive military op-erations with the aim that the counter-revolutionary forces demobilize immediately."

The re-establishment of a unilateral ceasefire - the pre-vious truce was cancelled by Señor Ortega on November 1 - meets a demand by the Bush Administration which on Tuesday said that a ceasefire was a first step to disbandment of the Contras.

Earlier yesterday Señor Or-tega promised to "defend" Nicaragua's armed forces, which, he said, now owed first loyalty to the Sandinistas, and to work to prevent UNO, which is made up of businessmen and tiny political parties, from dismantling the reforms imposed on the country during 10 years of revolution.

These remarks provoked some dismay among diplomats and foreign statesmen, including Mr Jimmy Carter, the former US President, who have been trying to mediate as smooth as possible a handover from the Sandinistas to the coalition.

The Government also asked on the US to stop supporting the rebels, who have waged an eight-year war against it, and demanded that the Honduran Government immediately dismantle rebel bases on its

In her broadcast call to the Contras to end the war, Senora Chamorro said: "The causes of the civil war in Nicaragua have disappeared. There is no reason for more war. Therefore, those who took up arms must now put

Nicaragua's Sandinista Gov- down their guns and return in the new administration. erament yesterday unilater- peacefully to Nicaragua to work for the reconstruction of

> The rebels, who number some 10,000, must respect the terms of the Central American peace accord, she said. This requires the immediate dissolution of the Contras after free elections in Nicaragua. US "humanitarian" aid to the Contras ends this week, but the White House said money in "the pipeline" would continue to flow for some time.

The Contras, some 3,000 of whom are still fighting inside Nicaragua, have said they will wait before the formal hand-

Rebels stay on

Tegucigalpa (AP) - The Nica-ragnan contras are refusing to disband immediately, saying they will wait until the newly elected Government takes of-fice. President Callejas of Honderas has said the rebels must leave his country as soon as possible. But Mr Israel Galeano, the semior leader among the estimated 10,000 rebels in camps in Honduras, said they did not trust the Sandinistas, and would stay on for the time being.

over of power on April 25 before taking a decision on

Señor Israel Galeano, the new young leader of the rebels, said from Honduras: "We are waiting to see if the second step is positive - the transition to a new government."

On Tuesday the White House shifted its position on the issue, at first urging the Contras to call off their campaign, then saying it was a matter for the rebels themselves to decide.

As a force created largely by the CIA and financed by the Americans for eight years, the Contras have come to represent for the Sandinistas all that is worst in US policy towards their country. Between 30,000 and 40,000 in the fighting.

Several figures from the Contra political leadership are UNO votes, Señor Godoy told expected to hold leading posts

Among them are Señor Pedro Joaquin Chamorro, the Presi-

dent-elect's son, and Señor Alfredo Cesar, one of the most able and ambitious of her entourage. On Tuesday Señor Ortega told about 10,000 supporters that the Sandinista Front "demands the immediate de-mobilization ... of the mobilization ... of the counter-revolution so that

there can be a peaceful and orderly transition of

"We were born down below, and we are used to fighting from below," he said, promising his uncompromising opposition to Señora Chamorro's coalition, adding: "With the Nicaraguan people, the Sandinista Front will continue to covern from below." to govern from below."

He predicted that the Sandinistas soon would return to office and promised to oppose any sacking of state workers or the privatization of the state-owned banking system and government-con-trolled foreign trade.

Many diplomats here be lieve the Sandinistas will try to wield continuing power through their control of the armed forces and Interior Ministry police and security troops, all of whom owe their first allegiance to the San-

Certainly, with their control of the trade unions and their members in virtually all senior posts in the civil aervice, the Sandinistas could wreak havoc on the efforts of the new

 Delay alleged: Vice-President-elect Virgilio Godoy yesterday accused electoral officials of trying to rob UNO of votes to reduce the coalition's ower in the National Assembly (AFP reports).

He accused the Supreme Electoral Council of delaying release of the final 20 per cent of results so that it could narrow the difference between votes for UNO and votes for the Sandinistas.

Regional officials of the electoral council were altering electoral records to annul the

Sandinistas declare | Drought-hit Eritreans wait for British aid



Villagers waiting for their outhly ration of grain at the Faith Mission Church, sup-ported by the British relief and development agency, Tear Fund, at the Eritrean town of Nefasit. Ethiopia, now facing

drought as bad as during the rebels say they hold (Resters bouring Tigray provinces. Mr devastating famine in 1984- reports). But it warned interdevastating famine in 1984-1985, said yesterday that it planned to use new routes to would oppose aid being taken move food aid to northern via Sudan to several million provinces, bypassing the stra-

national aid donors that it drought victims in rebel-held tegic port of Masawa, which areas of Eritrea and neigh-

Yihma Kassaye, the head of Ethiopia's Relief and Behabilitation Commission, said the ship food aid instead to the port of Asab, further south on

A communiqué released af-

ter a summit meeting of Afri-

Lusaka earlier yesterday called

for intensified sanctions, and

said the heads of state "regret-

ted the United Kingdom's intention to unilaterally lift

sanctions on individual in-

vestments and tourist traffic

to South Africa".

take it by road to Eritrea, Tigray, Wollo and Gondar provinces. The use of Asab has become necessary because the

Lusaka meeting calls for sanctions to go on

From Gavin Bell

Commonwealth leaders conferring with Mr Nelson Mandela in Zambia have insisted that sanctions be maintained against South Africa until

apartheid is effectively buried. They said further steps were required before sanctions were lifted. Hostility towards Britain's stand on easing sanctions was apparent at a press con-ference held after the discussions between four African Commonwealth presidents and senior ministers from Canada and Malaysia.

President Kaunda of Zambia said: "We are all agreed that sanctions must go on. We

hope there will be no dissenting voices. Our appeal is that all of us should follow our own instructions to the Secretary-General of the United Nations in this regard,"

President Kaunda said there should be no question of withdrawing sanctions before the Secretary-General reported back to the General Assembly on July 30.

Mr Shridath Ramphal, outgoing Commonwealth Sec-retary-General, said Pretoria would have to abandon its concept of "group rights", accept the principle of universal suffrage and repeal basic apartheid legislation. "What that Pretoria should be dealt with through the mass brought to the negotiating media. It is a matter to be table, and kept there until fundamental political change has been secured.

"There are several touch-

stones, but clearly change is can "frontline" states held in not irreversible so long as Pretoria is talking about group rights as part of a solution." Mr Ramphal said another

requirement would be the repeal of the Population Registration Act, under which people are classified according to race.

Mr Mandela declined to

since independence.

There are serious doubts

about Mr Gandhi's chances of

survival as influential mem-

bers of Congress (I) cast about for new and more promising

political opportunities. Poli-

tics in India has nothing to do

with ideology or party loyalty;

the name of the game is

opportunism, and new align-

ments are always possible. There is a real danger that the

The Janata Dal leadership

has made no secret of its hope

of forming a centrist alliance

with disenchanted Congress

(I) party members, although

defections by MPs are con-

trolled by law. Mr Singh will

certainly be uncomfortable

with an even stronger BJP

Sikh shot: Police officers have

shot dead a prominent Sikh

separatist leader accused of

dozens of murders in the

troubled northern Indian state

of Punjab (AFP reports from

Davinder Singh of the Sikh

fundamentalist Bhindrawale Tiger Force of Khalistan

(BTFK) died late on Tuesday

when police stormed a strong-

village. Violence linked to the Sikh

campaign for a homeland called Khalistan has left more

than 200 people dead this year

hold in Amritsar's Khyala

breathing down his neck.

party will split.

The arrival of Mr Yassir Arafat, leader of the Palestinexpress an opinion on Mrs Thatcher's policies. "What we ian Liberation Organization, halfway prompted a question to Mr Mandela as to whether have discussed about Mrs Thatcher cannot properly be the cordial relations between

them might alarm the South African Jewish community. dealt with directly with Mrs "If the truth alienates the

powerful Jewish community in South Africa, that is too bad," Mr Mandela said. "I sincerely believe that there are many similarities between our struggle and that of the Palestine Liberation Organization. We live under a unique form of colonialism in South Africa, as well as in Israel."

During the conference, Dr Kaunda elevated Mr Mandela to the rank of uncrowned king with an effusive tribute: "We are merely your generals in the field. We have blind faith in you, all of us are waiting for

Shamir faces party

From Richard Owen, Jerusalem

Prime Minister, yesterday faced a growing revolt in his Likud Party as many of those who had previously supported him began to side with rightwing figures adamantly op-posed to US-sponsored proposals for peace talks with the

Of the 41 Likud members of the Knesset, 23 have signed a letter calling on Mr Shamir to see them before the Inner Cab-

Jerusalem (AFP) - A British tourist was stabbed and seriously wounded yesterday in the West Bank town of Hebron, an Israeli military source said. The area is in the grip of a general strike to protest at the decision to prolong the closure of ian universities. The elderly tourist, who was not named, was stabbed in the back and abdomen by mknown assailants.

inet meets at the weekend to decide Israel's final response to the American proposals for Israeli-Palestinian talks.

Some of the Likud rebels threatened Mr Shamir with court action if he did not agree to meet them, and Mr Ariel Sharon, the flamboyant former general who resigned from the Cabinet recently to lead the anti-Shamir campaign, said he would convene the Likud central committee (of which he is chairman) with or without Mr Shamir's con-

Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli sent. Commentators saw this as a clear sign of rebellion.

Sources in the Cabinet said that if Mr Shamir gave in to his Likud critics and rejected the US proposals on the composition of a Palestinian delegation, Labour would carry out its threat to withdraw from the Government and instead form a coalition with minority parties.

If Mr Shamir accepted the proposals, however, the Likud revolt would bring him down, with Mr Sharon challenging him for the leadership. The consensus here is that Mr Shamir's renowned ability to get out of even the most impossible situations is facing its severest test since the Likud-Labour coalition was formed in December, 1988. At issue is the American

proposal that the Palestinian egation to talks with Israel should include at least one Palestinian deported from the occupied territories - pro-vided that he has not subsequently engaged in terrorist activities - and at least one resident of the occupied West Bank who also has an address in east Jerusalem. The Palestinian team would be announced by Egypt, which has consulted the Palestine Liberation Organization. • Murder confirmed: The Isracli Army confirmed reports

of the murder of an Arab, aged 42, an alleged "collaborator",

by a mob in the West Bank

village of Beit Furik.

Indian state elections

revolt over talks | Gandhi party reels from attack |

Hindu fundamentalists surged ahead as results from Indian state elections poured in yesperforming well there, too.

terday, spelling severe new trouble for Mr Rajiv Gandhi and his battered Congress (I) The results reinforced northern India's growing enchantment with the right-

wing Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) - an old, small-time party that has been born anew as traditional political alignments crumble. The BJP already holds the survival of the Delhi Government in its hands because of its powerful position in Parliament. Now it also boasts

formidable strength in state

political machinery, raising

grave questions about the

prospect for moderate, non-

secular politics The party seized control of the buge central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh in a landslide. It performed well in the big western state of Raja-sthan, although it was not clear whether any single party would get an absolute majority. Counting will take place today in Maharashtra, an economically pivotal state with Bombay as its capital and there, too, all signs pointed to a surge of

fundamentalism. Vote-counting was slow and chaotic in the densely-populated state of Bihar, where at least 80 people died on polling day in some of the worst electoral violence since in-

From Christopher Thomas, Delhi dependence. Early returns port from the BJP and the humiliation for the party that suggested that the BJP was communists. The party estab-In large measure elections and Orissa - hardly a perforin Bihar have become a farce,

run, essentially, by thugs who march unhindered into polling stations and intimidate voters, cast bogus votes or simply walk off with ballot boxes. Re-polling was ordered in several places.

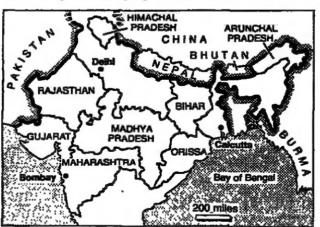
Janata Dal, the party of Mr Vishwanath Pratap Singh, the Prime Minister, was struggling to hold its own against the BJP tide as eight states and one union territory went to the polls, most of them in the north and the west.

Mr Singh desperately peeded to achieve a reasonable performance to reinforce it to a party of the south, his authority over the central where it has not traditionally government, which his party been strong. The state election

lished early leads in Gujarat national and state politics mance that will instil confidence in the fragile, minority government, which is increasingly dominated and over-

shadowed by the BJP. Hindu fundamentalism has arrived. The BJP is a wellstructured, united and organized party that embraces moderate Hindus as well as hardline fundamentalists whose extremism threatens to add a chilling dimension to mainstream politics.

The Congress (I) party is now in crisis. It was routed in northern India in the November general election, reducing where it has not traditionally heads with parliamentary sup-results are another severe



Opposition strike grips Bangladesh has been the towering force in

Dhaka - Six Bangladesh cities were paralysed yesterday by a 🧳 seneral strike called by the largest opposition party (Ahmed Fazi writes). At least 65 people were injured during clashes between police and pickets in Dhaka's Tejgaon suburb. Witnesses said strikers stoned government buses and threw home-made bombs. Police sources said 23 people were arrested for picketing. Paramilitary forces patrolled the deserted streets after transport stopped, shopsshut and banks and factories closed.

WORLD ROUNDUP

The strike was called by the Awami League and several student groups to protest over the killing of a pro-league student leader on Sunday at Dhaka University, Sheikha Hasina Wazed, president of the Awami League, has accused government loyalists and the rival opposition group, the Bangladesh Nationalist Party, of the murder.

Hanoi asks for time

Vietnam has said it needs more time to consider British proposals on mandatory repatriation of boat people in Hong Kong (Andrew McEwen writes). When Mr Francis Mande, the Minister of State at the Foreign Office, held talks in Hanoi last week, he reached agreement to increase the number of voluntary flights, but failed to persuade Vietnam to allow Britain and Hong Kong to send others back against their will. However, the Foreign Office said it was hoped to reach agreement with Victnam on "alternatives to voluntary repatriation" by the end of the month. This has not happened. Diplomats from the British embassy in Hanoi have held a further meeting with Vietnamese officials since Mr Maude's departure, but made little progress.

Peking press protest

Peking - Foreign journalists in Peking protested to China's Foreign Ministry yesterday of harassment by the secret po-lice (Catherine Sampson writes). A letter from the Foreign Correspondents' Club said journalists were followed in the streets of Peking and their Chinese contacts interrogated. Surveillance had become pronounced in the past two weeks.

Journalists complained of "interference" by government agencies and departments. Correspondents here live in compounds and believe their telephones and apartments are bugged. Chinese contacts are subject to harassment from employers. Vague restrictions apply under which journalists may not "endanger China's national security, unity or community and public interests" or "fabricate rumours".

200 arrested in Nepal

Kathmandu (AFP) - Police yeterday arrested more than 200 students and fired tear gas to disperse about 500 protesters in Lalitpur, 10 miles south of Kathmandu, a student source said. Hundreds of riot police were deployed in the tourist town to try to prevent the students holding a public meeting to protest against Nepal's non-party political system. The students marched from nearby Shiphal and were heading for the centre of Lalitpur when they were stopped by the basonwielding police. Witnesses said two students carrying banned party banners were badly beaten by police.

Falkland flight delay Mount Pleasant, Falkland Islands — As an example of rapid

deployment to the South Atlantic - which British troops in time of crisis would be expected to reach in 18 hours - the journey by Mr Tom King, the Secretary of State for Defence. was not a conspicuous success (Michael Evans writes). He arrived at Mount Pleasant surport on the Falkland Islands yesterday at the end of a 36-hour journey which included two visits to Ascension island, one of them unscheduled, Mr King's first experience of the "air bridge" between RAF Brize Norton in Oxfordshire and Mount Pleasant was disrupted by high wind on the ground. Just two hours from its destination his TriStar turned round and headed back to Ascension which it had left five hours earlier.

High flyers urge tough Big Apple to try tender touch me is that I'm not more offended. It

From James Bone New York

A new non-profit organization in New York has embarked on a task that makes teaching bailet to baboons look simple.

Calling themselves New York Pride, a group of high-powered executives plans to school New Yorkers - renowned for their talent for abuse - in civility.

An advertising campaign featur-ing the spectrum of New York scowls, from the taxi driver's frown to the grimace of the claustrophobic subway commuter, will exhort the stressed city dweller to "ease up".

Television spots are accompanied by a hymn to civic pride, "Try a Little Tenderness". Newspaper advertisements implore: "Now that Bucharest, Budapest, Berlin and Prague are acting more civil, let's

work on New York." Mr Herbert Rickman, president of the new group, said: "There is no

reason for us to accept the breakdown in this city.

"When you look at exit surveys and people are asked, "Why don't you want to come back?" one of the reasons is the rudeness and the mean-spiritedness," he said.

This being New York, however, the campaign is not without irony. Mr Rickman, who was an aide to Mr Ed Koch, the city's former "Mayor Mouth", is himself known for a typically New York response to questioning in the celebrated Bess Ayerson divorce case in 1988.

Under cross-examination, he shouted "disgusting lie", prompting the judge to tell him: "Don't be a baby. Stop it."

Many of those involved in the \$250,000 (£159,000) campaign have, however, been on the receiving end of New York's legendary

The celebrities and wheeler-dealers, who assembled for the launch of

New York Pride in the Rainbow in central Manhattan, swapped New York horror stories, recounting how

• If we are kinder and more civil to each other in the street, it carries over into the bedroom 9

their teenage daughters were jostled in the subway or how they were cursed by irate taxi drivers.

Mr Ron Buckhardt, who helped prepare the advertisements, said he was mugged at gun-point as he left a Manhattan restaurant recently.

There were words of encourageent, however, from Dr Ruth Westheimer, television's sex guru, who said: "If we are kinder and One theory prevalent in the metropolis is that New Yorkers

lite. Not as a result of goodwill, heaven forbid, but rather because of Growing danger on the city's mean streets has made vocal city dwellers reluctant to speak up in case they land themselves in greater

have been getting increasingly po-

A poll of subway riders last April found that 48 per cent of New Yorkers simply stay at home at night to avoid trouble. When they do run into problems, New Yorkers are now advised simply to give in. Mr Richard Learner, a student,

recently lamented in The New York Times' editorial pages that a mugging was now more like a simple business transaction. After recounting how he was mugged in the subway, he wrote: "What disturbs

seems so acceptable: I wasn't suriously hurt and I'm out only by \$18. There's a risk to living in this city, a price, like rent." New Yorkers often joke that being

mugged by a crazed homeless crackhead is the city's equivalent of That is likely to remain the image of New York for some time to come,

however much advertising men and dignitaries try to change it. Milos Forman, the film director, recounted how he had escorted his old friend, President Havel, the Czech playwright turned politician, for a night on the town last week.

He told Mr Havel's Secret Service guards that they wanted to see the night-life of Greenwich Village. "We don't recommend you go downtown," the agent said.

"Why?" "The President could get into the cross-fire there."

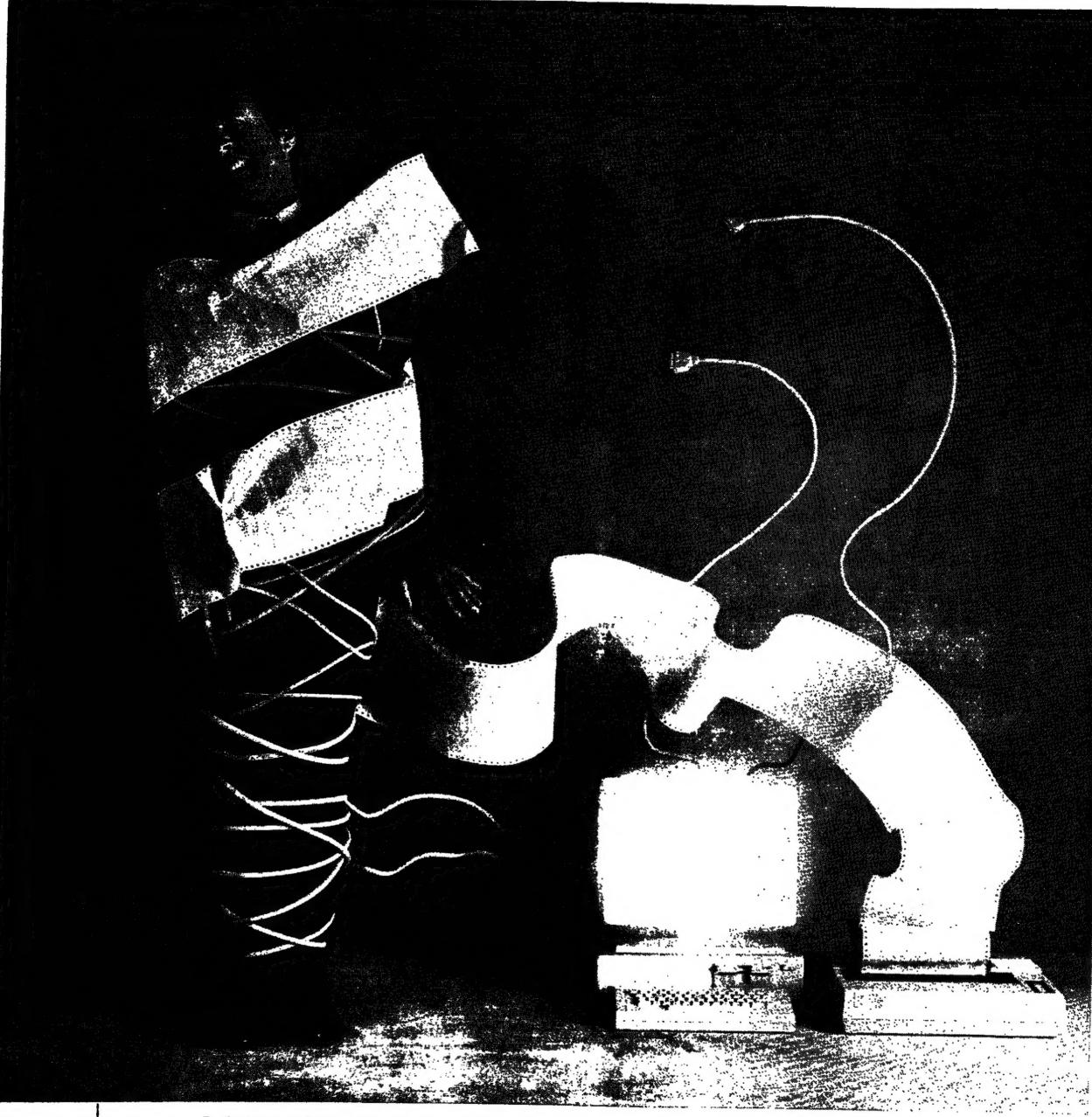
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How the allies wrangled over the German spl

The reluctance of Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, to discuss the future of the German-Polish frontiers is not without precedent - the Americans and British were reluctant to accept the transfer of the Oder-Neisse frontier to Poland in 1945 but were eventually forced to yield to the accomplished fact, according to the latest volume of Documents on British Policy Overseas, published today.

The victorious allies - the Soviet Union, the United States and Britain had no plans in 1945 to divide conquered Germany into two countries. At the Potsdam Conference in the summer, the three powers agreed on the creation of an Allied Control Council in Berlin of the four Commanders-in-Chief of the occupying forces (France was given a zone of occupation in May) who were to act jointly "in matters affecting Germany as a whole".

The division of the country into four zones was based on military considerations and was never intended to be permanent. Germany, although it was to be disarmed and demilitarized, was to be treated by the victors as an economic

Nazi political parties who would be allowed to contest elections at the local and regional level as an initial step towards the eventual creation of a democratic Germany. The British feared that "to turn Germans into democrats is not going to be an easy task". In any case, it was rendered almost impossible by the chaos which prevailed in Germany after

• To turn Germans into democrats is not going to be an easy task.

the war, with shattered towns and cities, widespread homelessness, hordes of refugees and displaced persons, an economy which had completely collapsed, and with the prospect of severe malnutrition and starvation during the

One Red Army officer said: "Those Germans in the Soviet zone who did not die of cold next winter would die of starvation next spring, so why worry?". It was not a solution which appealed to the British: as Sir William Strang, the

political adviser to the British Com-mander-in-Chief, Field-Marshal Montgomery, put it in August: "By assuming supreme authority in Germany we have undertaken certain responsibilities in the face of the world, and in the exercise of those responsibilities we cannot escape from our own traditions, national character and ways of life." Neither Britain nor the US had envisaged that Germany would lose substantial terri-tories after its defeat, but the Soviet Union insisted that Germany should transsr all its former territory east of the Oder-Neisse line to Poland and the

Soviet Union. This area contained 25

per cent of its agriculture.

Nor had it been intended that the Soviet Union should ransack its eastern zone and cart off what industrial equipment it could lay her hands on. The result was that Germany's post-war condition was even more parlous than had been anticipated: no food for the densely population Ruhr would be available from crippled East Germany. British officials warned London of the likely consequences. "A pauperized Germany will be a source not only of economic but of political instability" while Britain and the US would find themselves paying for reparations to the

Soviet Union by being forced to make up the ensuing deficit in food and other consumer goods. The Foreign Office concluded in September that "the Germans are now paying in the most dreadful way for their misdeeds over the past 10 years and more. It is very doubtful if any remedy is possible".

Despite British efforts to make the four-power control machinery in Berlin work, they found the Russians extremely trying. The chief impediment to a future reunified Germany in 1945 was not, however, the Soviet Union, but France. The French demanded the sundering of the Rhineland from Germany and its permanent occupation by allied troops and the internationalization of the Ruhr. Moreover, Paris rejected allied plans to set up centralized German administrative departments in Berlin.

Montgomery came to the conclusion that four-power control of Germany had become unworkable. He informed the British Prime Minister, Clement Attlee, on October 3 that the Americans "had now tabled a motion that when unanimous agreement in the Council was not possible, each zone could act as it thought best. This was the first rift." He asked whether "Britain really wanted a unified Germany" - not, however, Zone would have to supply the desert in the Russian Zone".

His preferred solution, probably a result of his frustration with the endless arguments in the Control Council, was for the French, Belgians and Dutch to advance their frontiers to the Rhine and

• If Germany is treated as one whole it will solve many other problems

for the internationalization of the Ruhr, which would enable Britain to withdraw its occupation forces from Germany. A fortnight later, Montgomery changed his mind - the Foreign Secretary, Ernest Bevin, reported that the Field-Marshal had told him that "if Germany is treated as one whole ... it will solve many other problems ... unification will open up that part of Europe which is now being closed to the allies and he believes that it would make the political situation easier". However,

because of the danger to European Security that this might pose but because wondered whether this solution was any better than Montgomery's first one— Harvey doubted that the creation of central administrative organs would enable the West to penetrate the Soviet Union, while "it is equally certain that the Soviet Government will use this opportunity to penetrate ours and fairly

Many of the suspicions that were voiced in France and elsewhere about the dangers of a reunified Germany have recently re-surfaced in Western Europe. Technically, the West retains the right to deal with the question of a reunified Germany but in practice there seems little it can do about it. In 1945, Britain was still a great power and could exert considerable influence. By 1990, that influence has almost disappeared.

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Lithuanians hasten election amid fear of ban on independence

Supreme Soviet approves Bill

on the private use of land

Moscow (AP) – The Supreme Soviet economic reform. All had been revised to accommodate the suggestions for Bill that, for the first time By allowing peasants work-

ing on collective or state farms

to acquire plots and turn them into their own hereditary

property, the Kremlin hopes to raise farm productivity.

voted separately on each chap-

ter of the 52-article measure,

then approved the entire Bill

by 349 votes to seven, with 12

abstentions. Yesterday's four-

hour session was the third

time the body had considered

president of the Soviet Agri-

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The Supreme Soviet first

Lithuanian nationalists are to with force. Deputies from rush through the second round of last Sunday's Republican parliamentary elections, in the debate over the presispurred on by fears that Mr dency or to vote. Latvia and Gorbachov, when confirmed as executive Soviet president, Estonia, after their elections later this month, are also expected to move towards plans to use his tough new powers to halt their moindependence, with the repubtowards lic of Soviet Georgia a fourth likely contender.

Although its candidates yet convene the necessary two-thirds quorum to instal after Sunday's second round Grigoryants, an independent the new Supreme Soviet. of voting. The remaining dep-There was no clear result in 41 uties could take their seats of the 151 seats and 20 of these after March 10. will vote again on Sunday, a week earlier than scheduled.

After Tuesday night's vote local government elections in the Supreme Soviet in under Mr Gorbachov's new Moscow, Mr Gorbachov looks democratic programme, certain to be confirmed as whereby a real selection of gress of Peoples Deputies on not simply suitable Com-March 12. He will have sweep-munist Party officials. ing powers of control, includ-

Sajudis leaders are now necessary, he could back up the latter nearly two dozen permit.

since peasants were stripped of their farms by Stalin in the 1930s, would allow citizens to

acquire land and bequeath it

The law would, however,

stop short of legalizing full

private property ownership by

forbidding land sales. Under

the new law, plots could only

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people were killed the week before the polls in clashes with the police. No formal results have been

announced yet in the sixth,

Moldavia, but the Popular Front spokesman, Mr Gyorgy Ghimpu, said their candidates had won 55 per cent of the votes cast. However, with no clear results in 237 of the 380 Mr Algis Chekuolis, a seats, there will have to be swept the board in the seats Sajudis deputy, said yesterday extensive revoting. This is resolved so far, the Sajudis that the new Lithuanian parexpected to take place on national movement cannot liament would meet in Vil- March 10. nius, the capital, a few days • MOSCOW:

> Soviet journalist said yes-terday he was barred by authorities from attending a All 15 Soviet republics are Unesco agency conference in holding parliamentary and Paris discussing assistance for non-government media in Eastern Europe (AP reports). "This shows what they

really think here of the freepresident by the entire Con-candidates can be nominated, dom of the press, of the gress of Peoples Deputies on not simply suitable Com-freedom of human contacts," Mr Grigoryants said. But of the six elections held MrGrigoryants, the pub-

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Hurd salutes Hungary's courage



Mr Douglas Hard, the British Foreign Secretary, preparing to lay a wreath in Heroes Square in Budapest yesterday.

Visit to feel pulse of reforms

From Michael Knipe, Badapest

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Eastern Europe to observe the Hungary that British business-Secretary, tested the political waters in Hungary yesterday by talking to the likely winners and losers in the elections scheduled for later this month. He also met students at the

Budanest School of Economics which, in a symbolic sign of the times, only the day before had had its name changed by the Hungarian Parliament from Karl Marx University. The Government faces a similar sort of metamorphosis in the forthcoming

the exclusive property of the eral election. state". The Congress of Peo-After having discussions ple's Deputies, the parent body of the Supreme Soviet, with Mr Matyas Szuros, the acting President, Mr Miklos Nemeth, the Prime Minister. will be asked to change the pioned by President Gorba-chov. Tass said it was "a mitted the Bill, said that about the Bill when it meets on and Mr Gyula Horn, the Foreign Minister - all of whom are members of the Socialist Party - Mr Hurd visited the headquarters of the election front runners: the centre-right Hungarian Democratic Forum and the

liberal Alliance of Free Demo-The Foreign Secretary intends his visit to Hungary to be the first of a series to

democratic processes being men have not responded as He said on arrival in Budapest on Tuesday evening that he wanted to see the election campaign for himself and to listen to various strands of Hungarian opinion, He also

wanted to show Britain's "keen, close interest and enreached "the threshold of

that have been set up involving \$300 million (£176 milion) worth of foreign investment Britain is involved in only 48, while West Germany is participating in 450.

The Hungarian Govern-ment is hoping that Mr Hurd's

rapidly to the political and

economic reforms being in-

troduced as their Continental,

Japanese and American coun-

terparts. Of 900 joint ventures

Hungary's gift to child

at the Peto Institute in Budapest, Hangary, yesterday demonstrated her new-found walking ability to Mrs Judy Hard, wife of Mr Douglas Hurd, the Foreign Secretary (Michael

Danielle Bowen Shark, aged 12, arrived in Budapest in January after a two-year wait and learned to walk as a result of daily five-hour sessions at the renowned institute for the daily live-hour sessions at the renowned institute for the treatment of cerebral palsy and spina hifida victims. Her treatment costs of £14 a day are being funded by locals at the Rose and Crown village pub in Orpington, Kent.

There are about 100 British children among the 1,864 from 39 countries receiving treatment at the institute. The British Government is contributing £5 million and promising another £5 million from private sources for a new clinic.

visit will encourage the British business community to investigate the commercial prospects being opened up by the

"British investors are overcautious," said Dr Jozsef Gyorke, the Hungarian Am-bassador to Britain, who is accompanying Mr Hurd. "We have no problem getting loans from Japan, but we would like to see more British involvement in our economic development."

At lunch with Mr Horn, Mr Hurd said Hungary's "coura-geous and humanitarian" decision to open the borders to September might be remem-bered in time as a turning point in the fortunes of Eastern Europe. Hungarian reforms had been an example for others to enulate.

The warmth of relations between Britain and Hungary would be highlighted, he said, by the visit to Hungary next month by the Prince and Princess of Wales — the first by the royal couple to a

Voting rules set down for

Prague (AP) — The Czech Parliament has laid down ground rules for the country's first free elections after more than four decades of communist rule

Czechs

The new law calls for elections based on proportional representation in 12 districts. A party will have to gather 10,000 signatures or prove it has that many members to run. A minimum of 5 per cent of the national vote is required ? to gain the first mandate.

On the recommendation of President Havel, the new Parliament will be elected for a shortened term of two years.

Budspest (AFP) — The Hungarian police are fed up with being left behind by criminals in their smart Western cars and want to get rid of their 3,500 dated Soviet Ladas, Colonel Lorine Laposi, the deputy police chief, said modernization was des-perately needed to combat well-equipped criminals.

"I am sure democracy will prevail in this country, but let's doublecheck it in two Havel said, speaking to tens of thousands of supporters on Sunday.

Despite objections by leg-islators fearful that smaller parties would be handicapped by the 5 per cent hurdle, the draft law was adopted by 286 votes to six, with seven

Earlier, Mr Marian Calfa, the Prime Minister, told the legislature the economy lagged five to 15 years behind advanced nations due to monopolistic communist rule that had stifled creativity.

Mr Calfa called for energetic measures to stimulate the economy - introducing mar-ket mechanisms, curbing inflation and privatizing property.

Laws allowing private enterprise and land ownership will be introduced before elections due in June. However, Mr Calfa cautioned that privatization should be "cautious and gradual".

He added: The GNP growth is estimated at 1.7 per cent in 1989, but considering the hidden price increases, it is difficult to say whether there is any growth at all," he said.

With inflation at 2.5 to 3.5 per cent and a foreign debt of £4.4 billion at the end of 1989, the economy is in far better shape than those of some of its neighbours, such as Poland and Hungary.

Genscher bangs drum for Erfurt Liberals

From Anne McElvoy, Erfurt, East Germany

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the West German Foreign Minister, joined the political caravan to the East yesterday to wake the Liberals of Thuringia from their 40-year slumber.

With visits from Herr Helmut Kohl, the West German Chancellor, last week and Herr Willy Brandt on Sunday, the population of Erfurt looks like being the best informed or most confused in East Germany as Thuringia, the emo-tional heartland of East Germany, becomes the battleground for the main parties in the forthcoming election.

The Liberals, a coalition of three parties, are predominantly independent tradesmen with higher incomes and less fondness for the extremes of left and right than the East German working class.

They are now making a late burst, having profited from a move to the left by the Social Democrats and the pace of change being represented by

the right. The headquarters of the Erfurt Liberals is a gloomy villa in one of the city's grander suburbs - a legacy of their past influence. The surrounding houses are occu-pied by functionaries from the former regime and local Inside, the local candidates

look as if they have been taken out of one of the antique cupboards and dusted down. The regional leader, Herr Wolfgang Pape, admits that he has had problems finding enough people to stand. "Our problem is that we

have not attracted young people for 40 years. They either went to the communists or kept out of politics. Lots of people, especially in this re-gion, are Liberals without even knowing it." The Erfurt Liberals emerged

as the strongest party in the last free elections in the city but that was in 1946. Three years later, the party, along with all other non-number. "The sun shone for German provinces can still hold of it in time."



Ronald Reagan is to campaign for one of East Germany's fledgeling political groups, the Alliance of Free Democrats, the ADN news agency said yesterday. He is scheduled to pear at an East Berlin rally for the alliance, which takes a centrist line, on March 16, two days before the country's first free elections. The alliance was formed earlier this month by three parties seeking to boost their chances in the poll.

East Berlin (Reuter) - Mr

him," said one disgruntled communist groups, was rele-Liberal canvasser. gated to a marginal position un Herr Genscher told the

mainly middle-aged crowds that Liberal influence would Herr Genscher, proclaimed on posters throughout the region as the "architect of unity", brought cautious tid-ings of a gradual reunification aim to create not a German Europe but a European Germany". programme to a crowd of 10,000 which had gathered in the Ash Wednesday rain on week's gathering, more recep-Cathedral Square.

tive to words of caution. Only a week ago, Herr Kohl had attracted six times that

more interested in the convoy of silver Mercedes than the Foreign Minister. Herr Genscher, embraced athusiastically by a house-

wife, said: "I am an unlikely pin-up." He then retreated into his car, to the visible relief of the security men. In this sedate city of cafes,

Trying to leave the square,

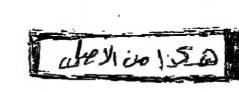
Herr Genscher found himself

mobbed by teenage girls ask-ing him to sign posters. Nearby, the local youths were

chemist shops and churches, the population is clearly unnerved by the fierce election campaign being fought out on its doorstep. Local Liberals admit that

they are "going for the con-fused vote", the comfortablyoff citizens who want an end to socialism but who are The people out yesterday nervous of jumping straight were older than those at last into the deep end of West German capitalism.

It is a vote that is there to be But the presence of a West captured — even if the un-German politician in the East inspiring Liberals full to grab captured - even if the un-



CHANGING FACE OF EUROPE

'Saxons' of Transylvania ready for new migration

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ticians struggle for power is

lish democratic government after years of Ceausescu's tyranny, the 250,000 Germans in Transylvania are fleeing an uncertain future, unimpressed by promises of a better fate. Entire communities of

"Saxons" have abandoned the villages and towns which since the Second World War have been Europe's last Teutonic settlements outside Germany. Summoned by King Geza of

Hungary in the 12th century to colonise parts of Transylvania, these Germans have always been known as Saxons. They still speak a dialect riddled with 15th century phrases unintelligible to other

Under Ceausescu's rule the Saxons faced either forced assimilation or per capita payment in hard currency for emigration to West Germany In 10 years more than 20,000

Inevitably, it was the younger members of the Saxon community who preferred to emigrate. Their villages had become increasingly isolated and their houses were filled with gypsies.

Two months after Ceausescu's fall, Saxons still government seemingly as indifferent to the fate of minorities as Ceausescu was.

Life has become increasingly difficult for those who remain - mostly elderly people. Older men are often attacked by gypsies at night; children are robbed by their

*Come back soon if you want to find us still here, we'll

turesque town in the foothills of the Carpathians, which the Saxons call Schässburg. "In Bucharest perhaps they have won something by their revolution but here little has

Despite the absence of running water and other basics. Herr Platz's family keep an immaculate house. Compared to the squalor of most Romanian hotels, Saxon homes are models of hospitality and the safest place for any traveller in

Transvivania. "Of course we have different standards. Of course we could help Romania but none of us wants to risk more communism. We must get out while we can," he says. Herr Peter Bellman,

teacher at the high school in the city of Sibiu, or Herman-

fighting against Securitate forces after Ceausescu fled. As this Germanic culture argues that little will change.
"You can restore buildings even rebuild those that Ceausescu demolished - but spectacular buildings and vou cannot change a populasplendid medieval walled churches - fall into decay.

tion corrupted by 40 years of communism and dictator-Transylvania possesses some of the finest Gothic Nothing done by the Nat-ional Salvation Front in Buchurch architecture. But in church has had most of its windows smashed by vandals. charest since the new year has given the German minority

An old man who looked Herr Bellman says: "They after the church said: "We only speak about our rights applied every summer for 12 years for funds to restore the church but we only received sign outside our German vilpermission to go ahead last autumn. By then everything Bucharest's obsession with

Inside, apart from broken glass, lie fragments of 15th century choir stalls and older funerary monuments.

particularly galling for the villagers of Schass, three of Despite armies of West German medical teams dispensing aid in the province, no one has thought of giving any aid to restore a key part of of Hungarian textbooks Europe's architectural heritage. But the West German pres-

ence here is so thick on the ground that one cannot help thinking it is acting more as a magnet to draw the Saxons to West Germany than to encourage them to stay. The all-conquering German mark and the large numbers of advertisement for a Germany most of the Saxons have only read about

After eight centuries a chapter of German and European history looks set to close before the end of the decade. less the result of Ceausescu's tyranny than of Romanian indifference to one of their country's greatest assets.

Priest stole to save artefacts



Father Dumitu Ionescu, an Orthodox priest, displaying some of the religious artefacts he saved from destruction by stealing them from St Vineri, a 17th century Bucharest basilica ordered to be demolished in 1987 by Nicolae Ceausescu, the former Romanian dictator.

Moscow sticks to 'fire first' doctrine

By Andrew McEwen Diplomatic Editor

The Soviet Union has refused to drop the military doctrine of "counter-preparation", which envisages a pre-emptive strike against Western forces, a senior US official said

yesterday. Mr John Maresca, chief US negotiator to the 35-nation Confidence and Security Building Measures talks (CSBM) in Vienna, said yes-terday that Soviet officials had said they were not planning to change the definition of

"counter-preparation."
However, it would be put into practice only in response

to an attack. This reply has not satisfied Western negotiators, although their dissatisfaction has not been so great as to derail the taiks. These are seen by Western. Eastern and non-aligned countries as a key element in the new relationship which is

beginning to emerge.
"Many elements of Soviet policy still seem to us as offensive or quasi-offensive or equivocal ... there are still suspicions which linger," Mr Maresca said in London, where he is holding talks with British Government officials. • GENEVA: Under their Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty to be signed at the June summit, the US and the Soviet Union will reduce their arsenals by 30 per cent instead of the original 50 per cent target (writes Alan

This is because some categories of weapons have been excluded from the scope of START LIt is intended that they come under a subsequent START II accord.

From Tim Judah, Bucharest The Romanian Government vent Hungarian school-books has decided that Hungarian entering the country. However, it said: "As for textbooks may not be used "as teaching material" in the enjoy no safeguards from a Hungarian-language schools

Romania restricts use

and universities that are now reopening in Transylvania. Romania's two million

strong Hungarian minority are concentrated in Transylvania and under the Ceausescu regime their schools and university were closed. In a joint communiqué is-

sued by the Ministries of Culture and Education, the Govcertainly be gone in six week that Romanian customs especially regs months," says Herr Hans officers had attempted to pre-

certain classes of books — es-pecially school-books sent from Hungary — we believe they may be suitable as docuntary materials for experts and can be incinded in libraries, but they cannot be used as teaching material in the instructional process

Last week, Mr Octavian Stanasila, the Deputy Edu-cation Minister, said Hungarians and Romanians had ernment denied reports last differences of interpretation, especially regarding history

Eta suspected as parcel bomb maims post worker

From Juan Carlos Gumucio. Madrid

and an eye when a parcel bomb ripped through the main mail sorting centre here yesterday in an attack which appeared to confirm fears that Spain is on the brink of a new terror campaign by Basque

Madrid home. On Tuesday night, police in Valencia dismantled another bomb ad-In both cases, the parcels bore trying to open the package to forged official stamps.

package containing an alarm bombs. But government of- last year after E clock was discovered in the ficials said that Basque ex- full autonomy.

A post office clerk lost a hand mail box at a state-run un- tremists of Eta, who have been employment office. Police said Señora María del Pilar Ruiz, aged 37, was year, were the main suspects.

badly wrapped package at the Madrid sorting office. The Spanish news agency, The explosion occurred less said that the parcel bomb was than 24 hours after a similar addressed to a former prison attack in which Senor Fer- employee at a maximum secnando de Mateo Lage, a urity jail in Alcalá de Henares. leading anti-terrorism judge, The parcel had been returned lost both hands and an eye to Madrid after the postman lived there.

Señora Ruiz, on instrucdressed to an army lieutenant. tions from superiors, was find the sender's address. No

blamed for at least three deadly parcel bombings last

maimed when handling a A spokesman for Herri Batasuna, the Basque coalition regarded as the political arm of Eta, denied this EFE, quoting police sources, and renewed calls for a peace dialogue with the Government. However, the bombings appear to have destroyed prospects for a truce in the 21-year campaign for Basque independence. Only a few days ago. when he opened a parcel in his who took it to the address was Senor José Luis Corcuera, the Interior Minister, offered to study demands for a dialogue if Eta observed a six-month moratorium on violence.

Secret talks between ETA There was also a police alert group immediately claimed and government reprein Barcelona yesterday when a responsibility for the parcel sentatives in Algiers collapsed last year after ETA insisted on

Japan Cabinet wrangle

Kaifu sows seeds of his downfall

From Joe Joseph, Tokyo

Japanese political commentators are wondering whether Mr Toshiki Kaifu, the Prime Minister, may have paved the way for his new administration's downfall by insisting on a say, however small, in choosing his new Cabinet. Traditionally, this is a prerogative of his party's grandees.

Even before the Cabinet was sworn in yesterday by Em-peror Akihito, Mr Kaifu's days were being counted by cynics and critics at large and within his own Liberal Democratic Party.

Mr Kaifu waged a long battle into the early hours of yesterday to exclude scandaltainted MPs from the Cabinet. But his battle against the LDP's old guard was noted in newspapers and coffee bars yesterday not for the fact that he got his way, but that he was made to look weak and vulnerable in the process.

Analysts say his fight to build a "clean cabinet" may have cost him the co-opera-tion of the LDP's warlords tainted by the Recruit scandal.

Most tellingly, his own Cabinet members failed to rally round him. Mr Taro Nakayama and Mr Ryutaro Hashimoto, the only two men kept on in their respective posts of Foreign Minister and Finance Minister, reacted coolly when asked about Mr Kaifu's cold-shouldering of scandal-linked MPs.

Mr Hashimoto said grudgingly: There are various views. It is up to the Prime Minister to decide." Mr Kabun Muto, the new

International Trade and Industry Minister, snapped: "No Even after all Mr Kaifu's huffing and puffing, the Cabi-

Prime Minister, who installed Mr Kaifu last year.

Noboru Takeshita, the former

According to yesterday's Mainichi Shimbun, a leading daily newspaper, Mr Takeshita is laughing openly about the spinelessness of his appointee and boasting: "I'm always telling the Prime Minister, 'Don't keep telephoning me. Decide for yourself."

A leading article in yes-terday's Asahi Shimbun said that in being forced to haggle to get his way before the nation's television cameras "Prime Minister Kaifu exposed the vulnerability of his power base in the governing party. The evils of the LDP's factional politics, where pref-erence is given to the faction's interests over the nation's, have come to the fore. It also gives us no satisfaction that not a single woman was named to the Cabinet."

Mr Kaoru Okano, professor of politics at Tokyo's Meiji University, was little kinder. "I suspect that this Cabinet will be a short one, lasting only until the supplementary and main budget Bills are passed (May or June)," he said.

THE CABINET

("denotes incumbents):
Prime Minister Toshiki Kaltu";
Justice Shin Hasegawa; Foreign Affairs Dr Taro Naka-yama"; Finance Ryutaro Hashimoto"; Education Kosuke Hori; Health and Welfare Yuji Tsushima; Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Tomio Yamamoto: International Yamamoto; International Trade and Industry Kabun Muto; Transport Akira Ono; Posts and Telecommunications Takashi Fukaya; Labour Shunpe Tayakahara; Construction Tayakaka Watanuki Home tion Tamisuke Watanuki; Home Affairs Keiwa Okuda; Chief Cabinet Secretary Misoji net is still studded with men who take orders from Mr

Barry tells court he is not guilty

Washington - Mr Marion Barry, the Mayor of Washington, yesterday pleaded not guilty in court here to five charges of cocaine possession and three of perjury (Susan Ellicott writes). Mr Barry was charged earlier this month after a 14-month investigation into his links to a drug dealer. Jailed for year

Corpus Christi, Texas (Revter) - Ronald Arab, aged 52, a Canadian from Vancouver was jailed for a year and fined about £3,000 for conspiracy and money laundering con-nected with illegal arms sales

Rebel collapse Karachi - The interim Afghan Mujahidin "government" has virtually collapsed after Mr Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, its foreign minister, announced the withdrawal of the support of his Hezb-i Islami faction.

Treason charge Kampala (Reuter) - Mr Newton Ojok, Uganda's former Education Minister, has been charged with trying to overthrow the Government of President Museveni.

Book action

Tokyo (Reuter) - Nomura Securities, the large Japanese brokerage company, says it intends to sue Al Alletzhauser, the British author of The House of Nomura.

Kenya reward Nairebi (AFP) - Kenya is offering £27,500 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the

killers of Mr Robert Ouko, the

Foreign Minister.

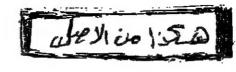
Shuttle launch Cape Canaveral (Reuter) -After five delays the US space shuttle Atlantis was finally

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Higher education policy attacked again in Lords

The Government's ap-quality and age of those who are college education must become proach to higher edu-leaving compared with those the natural aspiration of all who are coming back." cation came in for sharp attack in the House of wanted them funded at the same

the concern about what was happening and needed to

Lord Annua (Ind), opening the debate, said that dons should be "put in the picture" about government policy. No-body in the universities, poly-technics and colleges seemed to know what it was, he said. "Today, morale in higher education is really at rock

bottom and the brain drain is

Dons are not ready to accept Mr Robert Jackson's (Under Secretary of State for Education) blithe reassurance that as many members of staff are draining back to our universities as are

Lords for the second day in succession.

This continued attack was evidence, according to Lord Prior, the former mister, of Prior, the former mister, and the prior that the prio

The new Secretary of State (Mr John MacGregor) had the advantage of being a Scot and therefore prejudiced in favour of education. Would be help those who worked in higher education and put them in the picture?

and put them in the picture?

"If you try, you may at any rate win their respect. At the moment, you have lost it."

Lord Prior (C) said that 17.5 per cent more graduates would be needed up to 1995. That was during a period of falling supply, so they would have to attract into higher education those less qualified academically and those from different social classes than most of those there at the moment.

draining out to America and elsewhere.

"The dons are not reassured because the count neglects the count neglects the "We have to change the culture to make higher education for us and not just for them. A house, a car and a

"We have to move from the élite to a mass system."

No government would ever find the money to expand universities and higher education as much as many be-lieved necessary. He saw no alternative to encouraging stu-dent loans and some switch from block grant to fees, with more money from local authori-ties and less from central

Lady Blatch, for the Govern-ment, said that it was not true that our higher education comthat our higher education com-pared badly with that of other countries in terms of funding and resources. The United Kingdom spent a higher propor-tion of its gross domestic prod-uct on higher education than most comparable countries. The Government welcomed

The Government welcomed the decison of vice-chancellors to collect detailed information about numbers of staff going oversess and returning. Figures showed that there had been a greater inflow in every year since 1983.



Mr Christopher Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, at the opening yesterday of the Connaught swing bridge in Docklands, east London.

Peers give Government majority of 50 on student loans

The following report of the later stages of Tuesday's debate in the House of Lords on the Education (Student Loans) Bill appeared, in part, in later editions yesterday.

The Government had a majority of 50 at the end of the debate on top-up loans for students.

An amendment proposed by Earl Russell (Lib Dem) regretting that the Government had not given the House sufficient detail about the Bill was rejected by 174 votes to 124 at the end of an eight-hour debate and the Bill was the control of the Bill was the pill w the Bill was then given an unopposed

Winding up for the Government, the Earl of Carthuess, Paymaster General, said that the Government was considering whether special repayment terms were required for

whose courses were longer and would therefore lead to larger debts.

Lord Butterworth (C) said that in the interest of students the scheme should not be delayed. It could be amended year by year in the light of experience and would become eff-icient and equitable by the time the loan element began to "ramp" up.

Lord Boyd-Carpenter (C) said that he was singularly unbappy about this measure. A loyal supporter of the Government, such as he was, should not remain silent when that Government appeared to be making a bad

It was wrong to compel every student, on becoming a graduate, to emerge as a debtor. It seemed that the Government **HOUSE OF LORDS**

was inflicting upon people and upon the universities a heavy burden for the sake of relieving public expen-diture 10 or 15 years hence. Who could judge what the economic situation might be then?

The loans were not interest free. On the contrary, interest was being piled up at the rate of inflation. If one saddled every graduate with a debt, that would be an incentive for them to go abroad where they could not be pressed to recover. essed to repay.

Lord Nugent of Guildford (C) supported the Bill. He said that to encourage students to become depen-dent on the taxpayer was to undermine the sense of independence and responsibility which he wanted them

Lord Alport (Ind C) said that there was nothing more likely to deter those from working-class families, where getting into debt carried social stigma, from undertaking higher education.

Lady Faithfull (C) said that she would not support the amendment. However, the Government must consider whether it was wise to institutionalize debt for young

Lady Cox (C) said that she supported the Government in the strongest possible terms. Higher education was a great privilege, but an expensive one. The average student would go on to earn 25 per cent more than those without a degree, so there was no reason why the rest of the community should pay for that personal investment.

Earl Haig (C) said that, although he supported the Government, he feared that the scheme would be divisive and would favour those who

were better off. Lord Nelson of Stafford (C) said that the scheme was a small step in the right direction enabling more people to enter higher education. Lord Kirkwood (Lib Dem) said that

the loans were a potential disaster. They would bring complications and embarrassments for the Government similar to those it had experienced over the poll tax.

Lady Seear, for the Liberal Demo-crats, said that it was a pathetic Bill. A

mess of the poll tax and nuclear energy was not always right. The Bill should be put back in the oven and cooked again.

Lady Blackstone, for the Oppo-sition, said that the scheme was a sooopers' charter. No wonder the banks had pulled out.

The real reason for the Bill, and rejection of a graduates' iax, was the Prime Minister's ideological claptrap about students being victims of a culture of dependency. That was a crude market view of the world — that you only appreciated what you paid for. Labour rejected that view.

The Earl of Caithness said that graduates who failed to pay back their debt to taxpayers deserved no

Cash help after Scots floods

The Government is ready to provide extra financial heip to pay for the repair of floodbanks in Scotland in the aftermath of the recent storms, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Under Secrelary of State, Scottish Office, said at question time.

Aid through the Beliwin formula would be available to all councils. Ministers were now waiting for reports of spending which they thought qualified for special

The rates of grant under the Farm and Conservation Grant Scheme, which were normally 50 per cent for the less favoured areas and 40 per cent elsewhere, were being increased to 75 per cent and 60 per cent respectively. These rates would be available for a period of six months from March 1.

Nuclear power 'must go'

The Liberal Democrat energy policy proposals ference on Wednesday at the House of Commons recommend phasing out all nuclear power in Britain by 2020.

The group that drew up the proposals also recommends committing the party to building the Severn Barrage. That is likely to cause dissent among party members on conservation grounds.

The 36-page document the greenhouse effect; action to reduce sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions; creation of a deep underground depository for lower-level nuclear wastes and on-site storage for higher-level wastes.

Oil and gas confidence

Mr Peter Marrison, Min-ister of State for Energy, said in a Commons written reply that he was confident that the United Kingdom would become fully self-sufficient in gas and remain a net oil exporter well into the 1990s. Exploration and drilling in the North Sea was likely to reach a record for the UK this year.

Aid for B&B

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Sec-retary of State for Scotland, announced at question time that he intended to bring forward regulations to en-sure that small bed-and-break fast establishments with six or fewer places or open for fewer than 100 days a year should be treated as domestic property and not liable to non-domestic rates.

M1 failure

experiment on the MI motor-way were that 70 mph repeater signs had had no effect on the speed of most ve-hicles, Mr Robert Atkins, Under Secretary of State for Transport, said in a written Commons reply. The results of the experiment were being assessed.

Help from EC

Scotland received £857 million from the Regional Development Fund of the European Community between 1975 and last year, Mr Ian Lang, Minister of State, Scottish office, said in a written reply. Of that sum, 90 per cent had been paid since 1979.

Parliament today Commons (2.30): Ques-

tions: Northern Ireland: Prime Minister, Debate on Wales. Lords (3): Courts and Legal Services Bill, report, third day.

Income tax move 'threatens Call for strong security tribunal small repertory theatres'

He was seeking leave under the 10-minute-rule procedure to kring in the Security Service Act 1989 (Amendment) Bill, which

was generally called the Colin Wallace affair. In plain lan-guage, an enhanced Security Service Tribunal.

An enhanced Security Service the kind of thing that happened Tribunal should be set up by the Government to avoid a repetition ments of the 1970s and prevent ments of the Colin Wallace "disinformation" affair, Mr Tam Dalyell Kinnock, Baker, Patten or Heseltine government of the Clalithgow, Lab) said.

He was not suggesting setting up an expensive new apparatus. The tribunal members were men and women who already had the necessary familiarity with the security services and their module.

He said that the preamble to such as Paul Foot's Who Fram the Bill represented an honest, serious stab at lessening the chances of a recurrence of what the tributal would surely sa Such as Paul Foot's Wao remed Colin Wallace, or Captain Fred Holroyd's War without Honour, the tribunal would surely say: "It is our job to look at this stuff properly". It should be able to investigate as far back as it thought necessary.

1990s.

Elements of the Security Service had run amack, His proposal was about making them more accountable.

The tribunal members were presumably considered sufficiently reliable to handle delicate and highly classified information. Everything was in place in give it the suggested

chances of a recurrence of what the tribunal would surely say:

"It is our job to look at this stuff properly". It should be able to investigate as far back as it thought necessary.

The tribunal already existed.

Assumpting—and it was a desamption—the House wasted the truth of the Colin Wallace affair, he was not investigate as far back as it thought necessary.

The tribunal already existed.

At one time the Security
Commission was a good vehicle
for an investigation. But a letter
from its distinguished chairman,
Lord Griffiths of Gowellen,
made clear that he could act only
on a reference from the Prime
Minister — and the House could
judge how likely that would be.
Select committees had many

virtues, but politicians of every party who wanted to keep their political noses clean with their colleagues were not the most impartial of investigative inquiry

The Bill was formally read a

A number of small repertory theatres might well have to close if an Inland Revenue proposal to end the "self-employed" status of actors and actresses went through, Mr Tom Arnold (Hazel Control of Status of

Grove, C) told MPs. Speaking in an adjournment debate late on Tuesday, Mr Arnold, a former theatrical producer, said that great injustice would result, with newcomers to the profession unable to claim

expenses against tax. Urging the Government to think again, he said that theatres in the regions in particular, which tended to attract new-

profession would demand high-er salaries and, to meet some of

the demand, employers would have to reduce concessions of-fered to customers. Sir Fergus Moutgomery (Al-trincham and Sale, C) said that the profession had a higher

percentage of unemployed than any other.

Actors and actresses incurred considerable expenses that would not be allowable under the new definition: the agent's

expenses, telephone calls, post-age, stationery and make-up. "I hope that common sense will prevail and that we will have a change of heart on behalf of the Inland Revenue."

subscription to Equity, audition

Mr Peter Lilley, Financial Secretary to the Treasury, said that this was essentially a matter of law. The main court case had been in 1972. The ruling, a clear one, had still not been fully

The Inland Revenue would co-operate if Equity wished to bring another test case.

on many of these hints, then he

will have been 'finesseing' his

way to a better Bill, but if he

cannot, he will pay the price".

Mr Mellor's stamina in handling

He paid tribute, however, to

Anti-fraud battle' Praise and anxious expectation for Mellor pledge by Ryder

Mortgage Rate.

Lloyds Bank Mortgage Ratet and Lloyds Bank Black Horse Mortgage

Rate will be increased to 15.7% p.a.

with effect from 1 March 1990.

This applies to both new and

existing borrowers.

The Government's determination to fight fraud in the European Community was emphasized by Mr Richard Ryder, Economic Secretary to the Tressury, when he opened a Commons debate on Tuesday night on a Commission document on fraud.

The Opposition spokesman said that some fraudulent claims made under the support system

Mr Ryder said that Britain had spearheaded attempts to get to grips with fraud and the Commission's action stemmed in no small part from growing anxiety in Britain. British reporting of fraud seemed to be far more accurate than that of

proportion of items on which refund claims were made, and that proportion would rise to 5

The Government rejected the report of the European Court of Auditors which alleged that expenditure was not all devoted to the intended projects. "Every Ecu (European currency unit) we get from the funds goes to the programme or project for which it is intended."

Mr Caristopher Smith, an Opposition spokesman on Treasury and economic affairs, said that instances of frand beginning to emerge related especially to the agricultural regime. The system of intervention lent itself to fraudulent use. The far more accurate than that of other member states.

The new export refund monitoring regulations toughened existing arrangements by requiring customs officers to inspect a go and much still to be done.

By Richard Ford Political Correspondent

The plandits are being handed out to Mr David Mellor for his handling of the committee stage of the Broadcasting Bill as detailed scrutiny of its 167 clauses draws to a close.

Though there is praise for the deft manner in which the Minister of State, Home Office, has prevented the political temperature inside Committee Room 16 boiling over, the Opposition now expects him to turn his assurances into words. turn his assurances into words.

of nudge, nudge, wink, wink. Now we want the Government to respond to all the hints and promises", Mr Robin Corbett, Labour spokesman on broad-casting, said. "Mr Mellor prom-ised to turn the hints and undertakings into words, either before the end of the committee stage or at its report stage. We want to ensure that he does not

Opposition MPs believe that erature inside Committee floom 16 boiling over, the opposition now expects him to the assurances into words.

"It has very much been a case of the Bill to shake up British

key question of quality, but has been anxious to avoid con-cessions being hailed trium-phantly by his opponents as a climbdown.

Labour has listed 50 hints, suggestions and promises made by Mr Mellor and yesterday it said that it was essential that he should act on them.

On the key question, Mr Mellor told the committee that he would consider making it explicit in legislation that in-dependent television franchises

broadcasting. They suspect that could go to makers of outstanding mellor is personally sympathetic towards arguments on the highest bidder. He also indicated that quality could be one of the exceptional circum-stances under which a well qualified bidder would not nec-essarily be the largest bidder.

The Opposition said that, rather than relying on the good will of the Independent Television Commission, which will award the franchises, or ministerial comments in committee, the changes must be written into the Bill.

Mr Mellor's stamma in handing the long hours of the committee stage, adding: "His own back-benchers have caused him few problems which is as it should be in a well organized com-mittee." Of course, it also helps if the Government business managers ensure that none of the Bill's Conservative opponents are appointed to the standing committee.

Mr Mark Fisher, an oppo-sition spokesman on the arts,

Mid-Staffordshire by-election

A crucial test of main parties' morale

By Robin Oakley, Political Editor

The Mid-Staffordshire by-election, declared yesterday for March 22, opens with the Labour Party, to its alarm, 1-5 favourites with the bookmakers to capture a Conservative seat held at the last general election by the late Mr John Heddle with a 14,654 majority.

To win the seat Mrs Sylvia Heal, Labour's candidate, needs a 13 per cent swing, even larger than that achieved at the Vale of Glamorgan by-election last year—and that was only the fourth seat Labour has taken from the Conservatives in the past 25 years. The present Labour has taken from the Conservatives in the past 25 years. The present Labour lead of 17 per cent in national opinion pells, however, does represent a 14 per cent swing to the party since the last general election.

With Tory nerves already frayed by the public reaction to high mortgage rates, rising inflation and the poll tax, the contest will have a crucial effect on party morale.

party morale. Loss of the sent would cause deep alarm in Conservative ranks with the

May local government elections to come, especially since Labour plans to focus heavily on Mrs Margaret Thatcher personally. But Labour too needs a victory to sestain its momentum and its relicite term under the present in policies are under much closer scrutiny

policies are under much closer scrutiny than a year ago.

There is also much at stake for the minor parties. The Liberal Democrats, still in the deldrums, rely on by-elections to break through to public consciousness and should face less competition from the Sacial Processes. the Social Democrat Party now that Dr David Owen has disclosed his increasing disenchantment with the life of national

palitics.

The Green Party has failed to capitaline on its 15 per cent of the vote in last year's European Parliament elections and risks having that dismissed as

At present, however, the contest appears a two-horse race likely to be decided by two crucial questions. Will discontented former Tories, as they did in the Vale of Glamorgan, move right across to Labour is this more classless constituency or will they give at home?

constituency or will they stay at home? And if the former centre party vote collapses, where will those votes go The comfortable Tory victories in the and comparable fory victories in the constituency at the past two elections have swed much to anti-Conservative forces being almost equally divided between Labour and the Alliance. They cannot say so publicly, but the Tories would not mind a contre party revival in the Midlands, Mid-Staffordshire in that cause will storaide less meetings for the

sense will provide key portents for the pert election. Defending the Tory majority is Mr Charles Prior, accountant nephew of Mrs Thatcher's former Secretary of State for Employment, Lord Prior. He says there is no distinction any more between Wets and others in the

Tory Party, that he supports government policy for and comma and that the contest is not a test of Mrs Thatcher's popularity. "It's just that because she's such an obvious leader she takes the tracks."

and says he is disturbed that people and says he is disturbed that people should think her so.

Acknowledging that interest rates and the community charge are the main issues, he plans to blame Labour-controlled Staffurdshire County Council and Cannock District Council for pushing the poli tax £46 higher than it needs to be locally.

Unperturbed by the calling of the election two days after the Budget, he

A keen European, he denies that the Prime Minister is isolated on EC issues



policy "dot and comma".

doesn't expect it to help his cause. The Chancellor, he says, must continue the squeeze on inflation. "I'm not expecting any fiscal stimuli".

His opponents see the election date as a Tory attempt to set up an excase for lessing the by-election after the Chancellor has paraded his toughness and responsibility.

They are looking for an excess on which to binme defeat, says Mrs Heal, which to binme defeat, says Mrs Heal, want to ounce sesser, says Mrs Heal, a magistrate from Surrey, who made a key speech in last year's disarmament debute at the Labour Party conference, arguing that her unlisteration was worth sacrificing in a changed world if it aided

arguing that her unilateralism was worth sacrificing in a changed world if it aided a Labour election victory. An articulate,

mainly local issues.

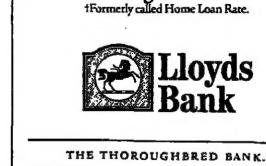
The contest is likely to involve a record number of candidates, including the National Front and a "One Nation" independent Tory, a former local mayor who is taking out advertisements headed "Get Her One". The Green Party, checkly, has issued a leaflet implying that it has the Prince of Wales's support. General election: J Heddle (C), 28,644; C St Hill (Lah), 13,990; T Jones (L/All), 13,114; J Bazeley (Ind C), 836. C maj: 14,654.

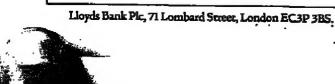
approachable social worker in the "Rinnockite" mainstream of her party, and with something of the style of Mrs Gleavy Kinnock, she says: "People are hungry for change: they've got an appetite for it".

She says that she encounters no suspicion that Labour has changed its clothes only in order to gain power and claims that people are shamefacedly "confessing" to having voted for Mrs Thatcher before and promising her never to do so again. The poll tax, nontgages and National Health Service reforms are pushing converts across, she says, with Initial indications from an pushing converts across, she says, with no questioning yet of Labour's local government tax alternatives. Mr Tim Joses, the barrister fighting the seat for the third time for the Liberal Democrats and the only long-time local resident among the main candidates, sees the poll tax as the issue for his

sees the poll tax as the issue for his party. The poll tax is desperately unpopular, he says, while Labour appeals unconvincingly to be trusted on details yet to come of its alternative. People see the logic of the Liberal Democrats' promised local income tax. With a string of local councillors spread through the constituency, which straggles alongside the A51 with a high proportion of private housing estates, the Liberal Democrats are hopeful of setting off a centre party revival, pushing mainly local issues.

The contest is likely to involve a







Ghosts in the party machine



Khrushchev ignored close enemies to his cost: will Gorbachov be able to avoid dangerous

companions? In the last of his articles on his homeland Oleg Gordievsky, the former KGB officer and double agent, looks at the future of the Soviet Union - with and without its powerful President

Gorbachov to form his own In recent months I reconstructed Central Committee. have often been asked; will Gorbachov However, in view of Gorbachov's plan to leave the last? The fall of the party merely the role of a political avant-garde, gradually handing over its administrative functions Brezhnev-pattern regimes of Eastern Europe was a sign that his position is as strong as to the Council of Ministers and ever. The explanation for this local councils, it would be useful paradox is as follows: in the first to him to have a power base in the four years after Gorbachov's appointment the East German, legislature and also important for him to retain administrative pow-Czechoslovak and Bulgarian em-bassies in Moscow zealously proers. And this week we have seen him pushing the plan for an vided their ministries at home executive presidency through the with the information which their Supreme Soviet leaders Honecker, Jakes and The Soviet public realized long Zhivkov wanted to hear: Gorbachov's position is precariago that Gorbachov is peculiarly le and adroit in consolidating ous and the "sound" section of the

his personal powers. In addition to party is dissatisfied and has almost stopped trying to come to terms with the wild outburst of "reglasnost and foreign policy, this is the third domain in which he has visionism, bourgeois liberalism and subversion of Marxism-Leninism". Then, in September 1989, suddenly the embassies achieved impressive success. In a relatively short time after being elected General Secretary he became chairman of the Supreme declared with one voice: there is not the slightest chance of Gorbachov going — he is there to stay. The Brezhnevites' last hope had evaporated. Soviet, head of the Defence Council and head of the Central Committee Bureau for the Russian Federation. He almost completely reformed the Politburo and The turning point for Gorb-achov was the Central Committee secretariat, arranged for 100 of the most hostile members of the plenum last September, when he Central Committee to be retired and will shortly become executive rid himself of the arch-reactionaries Vladimir Shcherbitsky and president, with wide-ranging pow-Viktor Chebrikov. This gave him ers, including the right to countermand the decisions of the absolute control over the Polit-Supreme Soviet. buro and further strengthened his grip on the entire party apparatus. Soviet observers understood

that he needs powerful authority

to overcome resistance from the

reactionaries. On the other hand,

the democratically-minded public

is keeping a wary eye on a concentration of power in the

hands of one man which is unprecedented in the history of

the USSR. Constitutionally he is

already more powerful even than

Stalin. It reckons that this is a

manifestation of the traditional

instinct of leaders of the CPSU -

to them personal power is more important than all else. The public

would prefer efforts to be directed

to consolidating democracy and to

bringing younger, more able and progressively-thinking people into

In fighting to strengthen his

position, Gorbachov has tried to

prevent anyone who could

threaten his position from reach-

ing the top level, which means the Politburo and Central Committee

secretariat. The present members

of the Politburo do not lack

ability, but not one of them

appears to be of giant stature. On

the progressive wing there are

Aleksandr Yakovlev, Vadim Medvedev and Eduard

Shevardnadze, none of whom

carries sufficient weight or pos-

sesses an adequate power base to

rival Gorbachov. In the centre is

Nikolai Ryzhkov who, after years

at the head of the Council of

Ministers, is well acquainted with

the economy, but has made no

marked impression on politics or

ideology. The traditionalist wing

includes Yegor Ligachov and Lev Zaikov, the latter a classical party

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the governing bodies.

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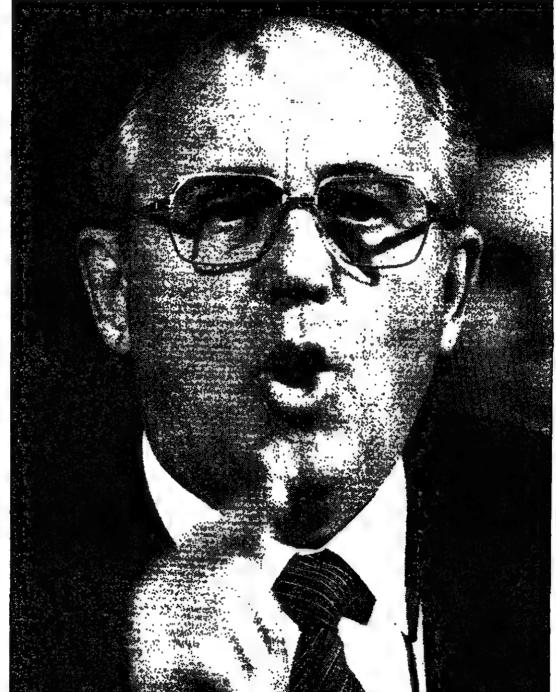
It is true that there still remained

the Central Committee, number-

ing about 250 members, most of whom were instinctively opposed to many of Gorbachov's innovations. However, having had their say, even they obey his will every time and submissively approve the resolutions put to them, because they are well aware that it is dangerous to rebel. When there is a vote against the centre's policy, the apparat always finds a pretext for dismissing the rebel. So we have seen that at last month's plenum every one except Boris Yeltsin voted for the new Communist Party of the Soviet Union (CPSU) platform, which they loathe. Yeltsin was not afraid vote against it, since his position is not based on the party machine, but on the votes of the electors.

Nevertheless, Gorbachov does not want to continue in uncomfortable cohabitation with his latent enemies in the Central Committee. He has evidently been visited more than once by the nightmare of fear inflicted on Nikita Khrushchev by a Central Committee which he thought, wrongly, he had fully tamed. Hence the date of the next CPSU congress, at which Gorbachov will try to choose his own pro-Gorbachov Central Committee, has been altered twice. However, there is a risk that the party dinosaurs in the provinces are organizing their own delegates to the congress, which will again elect a reactionary Central Committee. This would be easy enough for them to do under the present system, where delegates are chosen through a multi-stage con-ference. In order to prevent this, Gorbachov will be convening yet another plenum any day now, at which he will propose new rules. These will provide an opportunity for the mass of rank and file communists, who are often quite democratically minded, to vote outright for the advocates of reforms as their delegates to the congress. This will enable





Follow my leader: Khrushchev (top) did not tame the Central Committee; is Gorbachov (above) more successful?

but well aware of which string to pull and when. Since Zaikov is responsible for the powerful body of military industry, and by virtue of this possesses considerable authority, Gorbachov is, it seems, attempting to restrict his power. Ligachov, the clear favourite of the party apparal, was the only one who could have rivalled Gorbachov. But his transfer from ideology to agriculture and his evident advancing age are undermining his chances. After the next CPSU congress, analysis of the party leadership will have to begin from the beginning, since instead of the Politburo there will be an elected body - the Praesidium, different in both number and This said, it is important to

remember that each member of the CPSU leadership has his own

ambitious and would, if events turned out well for him, unhesitatingly agree to become head of the party if the opportunity arose, even in the face of a still more serious economic and social crisis, and the general public would forget all about the duliness and lack of originality they now display. In the lower ranks of the apparatus - ministries, industry, the Army, the KGB and the academic world — there are many people with the brilliance of mind to lead the USSR. But the system will not permit them to emerge. Only members of the Politburo can enter the struggle.

Even national deputies, who include a number of able people. cannot achieve the leap into power. True, Yeltsin, who counts on making a comeback, is trying to prove an exception. He intends to become a member of the Supreme Soviet of the Russian Federation and then be elected chairman of the Praesidium. As chairman, he would be entitled to enter the Politburo. However, after rejecting Yeltsin, the party apparatus is doing everything possible to pre-vent this happening. It appears that Gorbachov's

position should continue to be strong — but in the USSR it is increasingly impossible to expect anything like transparency or predictability. Unexpected factors emerge: the appearance of powerful figures such as the neoreactionary head of the Leningrad party organization, Boris Gidaspov, the danger of general strikes, the possibility of mass riots because of food or fuel shortages. Social turbulence may prompt the Central Committee or

even the Army to take action. It is, therefore, necessary to consider the hypothetical possibility of Gorbachov's departure.

The following developments, with and without Gorbachov, are

 Due to an unlikely chain of events a progressive group comes to power, headed by a man such as Yakovlev and supported by a regional group led by Yuri Afanasyev and Yeltsin and other liberals. These people would sharply increase the rate of democratical and other projects and description of society and description. ratization of society and decen-tralization of the economy, place greater emphasis on the progresgreater emphasis on the progressive aspects of foreign policy and demote the role of ideology. From the West's point of view, this version would be ideal but, unfortunately, it is most unlikely since democratic forces in the party and society are very weak and disorganized

• The arrival in power of an inveterate traditionalist like Zaikov as a result of upheaval within the party. This event would probably see a continuation of previous policy but with much more caution. Urgent measures would be taken to improve the supply situation, but preparation for economic reform would be slow and gradual. Glasnost would not be abolished but its range would be restricted. Foreign policy would mostly be unchanged but in some respects a harder line would be adopted. The party's monopoly of power would not be re-estab-lished in legal terms but the existing political structure would be retained for an indefinite time.

 A change of power as a result of a coup d'état — possibly military.
 This might happen, against a background of severe economic disruption, if there were a split in the Communist Party or if non-communist parties entered the struggle for power. An emergency would be declared and a com-mittee of national salvation would be set up, headed by a powerful figure from the Army, military, industry, the Interior Ministry or the reactionary section of the party apparatus - someone of the type of Gidaspov or General Boris Gromov (the former Soviet commander in Afghanistan). Martial law would be introduced in the Baltic states, the Caucasus and some cities in Central Asia. Representatives with special powers would be dispatched to the most critical sectors of the economy, such as transport, retail trade and the food and consumer goods

Strict censorship would be introduced and the progressive press would be muzzled. Opponents of socialism, revisionists and bourporarily interned and some of them sentenced. A hard line would be adopted in foreign policy, especially on the issues of disarmament, troop withdrawals from central Europe and the German question, and the "class struggle approach" to inter-national relations would be re-vived. Cordial relations would be established with China. After a careful purge of the party and the media, the committee would hand over power once more into the party's hands and thorough "de-Gorbachovization" would take place. In this version the country's situation would be reminiscent of China's after June 1989.

The most likely variant is one where Gorbachov's regime remains in power. A fair amount of insight into his future is provided by the last Central Committee plenum and the platform then adopted. On the whole, this document indicates a step forward in the gradual democratization of the USSR. In the first place, the party proclaimed that it was making no claim to monopoly --although it does not intend to renounce power. This is indicated by remarks about retaining an avant-garde position and an appeal to the party to act as political leader. Progress, however, may be seen in the fact that the platform will allow political groups to be formed which will, in essence, be parties, but only ones which stand for renewal of a socialist society". The head of the KGB, Vladimir Kryuchkov, speaking at the plenum, expressed his horror at the possible emergence of "antiThe party's attitude to the KGB

is symptomatic of its ambivalent attitude to power. The platform devotes several paragraphs to the need for reform in the army, but on the KGB it merely remarks that it "remains a vital and essential institution".

The economic section of the programme also calls for discussion. The categorical require-ment for planning when a free market is introduced, and the refusal to hand over land for private ownership to farmers, do not hold out much promise either for upgrading industry or for reviving agriculture. The ban on hiring labour, which is categori-cally laid down in the programme, is particularly counter-productive. (For instance, a shoemaker who opens a workshop will not have the right to take on an apprentice.)

The section on the legal system and human rights is more promis-ing, although it will be difficult to guarantee if a one-party state is

The section on renewal and democratization of the party inspires genuine optimism. If the ideas set out are implemented, and the congress in June will reveal this, then some other kind of Communist Party may gradually evolve. The present generation of party bosses will depart, fresh currents will flow in and discussion will begin, and it may

None of the progressives carries sufficient weight or possesses a power base to rival Gorbachov

be that in a few years the a new Central Committee will adopt a new platform which will envisage a multi-party system, a free mar-ket, and even a CPSU ready to go into opposition.
In the meantime, Gorbachov is

left with all his problems. If he does not manage to halt the economic decline, the acute food shortage may bring about a situa-tion which no one can now foresee. Should the "socialist market" somehow contrive to continue to function, however, in 10 to 15 years the Soviet Union will resemble Yugoslavia as it was 20 YERTS SEO.

The swift changes in recent months have provoked discussion difficult to see why the departure of the countries of Eastern Europe from a bloc which is hostile to the West should be destabilizing for the latter. The alarm felt by some western politicians and diplomats over possible future minor disputes about territory among these countries is truly a small price to pay for freedom and democracy.

The extension of democratic government in Europe and the merging of East and West Germany will promote the security and stability of the West, In different circumstances, the USSR would have stubbornly insisted on demilitarization and neutral status for a reunited Germany. Now, politically weakened, and with the economy on the brink of a precipice, the USSR will be forced to agree to the new Germany being a member of Nato.

This concession, like the concessions continually made at disarmament talks, would be made in the interest of obtaining vital economic aid from Germany, and from other western countries.

There are no grounds for fearing democratization of the USSR on the grounds of military security. If there were, in fact, a really democratic partiament in the Soviet Union today, it would not on any account be voting the enormous resources for military requirements which are being wasted at present, nor would it drag the nation into rash ventures

Serious fears are being aroused in the West that as a result of political and social destabilization, control of strategic nuclear forces might fall into the hands of irresponsible elements and the risk of Armageddon would arise. These misgivings appear to be exaggerated. First, the Soviet Union's strategic weapons are located in the heart of Russia, so unrest among the other national-ities would not affect them. Second, they are under the control of carefully chosen, trustworthy persons in the Government, the army and the KGB, who do everything possible to prevent any misuse of such wespons. Third, if destabilization were to occur, it would not be instantaneously, as in Romania, but gradually, giving the West sufficient time to grasp the sinution and take action. Such action, might even include. action might even include an agreement between the US and the USSR on mutual exchange of observers to monitor the maintenance and servicing of strategic nuclear arms, with the aim of preventing any from being used in error or exploited by malefactors.

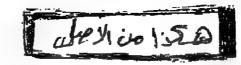








Contouders for power: progressives Vadina Medvedev and Eduard Shevardnadue (left and right), seither of whom have a power base to rival Gorbachov, and the contrict Nikolai Ryzhkav





hen the Prince of Wales visits
Cameroon later this month, he will
be denied the chance to get among
his beloved virgin trees. The World Wide
Fund for Nature invited him to visit Korup
National Park, established on the Nigerian
border to protect 135,000 hectares of
primary rainforest. It is a scheme dear to the primary rainforest. It is a scheme dear to the Prince's vision of conservation. But the visit would have required a helicopter journey. Palace officials planning the tour took one look at the local air transport available and ruled that they were not going to risk the neck of the Heir to the Throne in a Camerooman chopper. Instead the Prince will have to be content with looking at a very small and somewhat artificial forest display which he can reach by road. Such considerations did not trouble his father, the WWF president, when he visited the other half of the same forest last year, Prince Philip travelled (whether complainingly or not I cannot say) in a Nigerian army helicopter.

Better news for the Prince, however, on the architecture front. The Italian government, having put the exquisite 400-year old Villa Lante in the Roman countryside at his long-term disposal - initially for his Summer School in Civil Architecture this September — is preparing to offer him another. Nearby Caprarola, a splendid Renaissance villa built on a medieval castle, is much bigger and grander, and is his for the asking if the summer school idea takes off. Competition for the first 24 places is, I gather, already intense.

 Some Hampstead thinkers, in Hartlepool to assess Peter Mandelson's chances of to assess Peter Mandelson's chances of keeping the seat for Labour when Ted. Leadbitter retires, decided to go native and sample the town's excellent fish and chips. "Cod and chips twice," said one, already an fait with the patois. "And," pointing to a large steaming dish of musky peas, "some of that delicious-looking avocado mousse." No, I den't believe it either.

ow look here, this won't do. David-Mellor, Home Office minister in charge of broadcasting, has disclosed that after touring the premises of a certain satellite TV outfit, he intends to equip his Putney home with one of those abominable squarials. "As a consumer I am entitled to make my choice," he said defensively after attending a satellite and cable conference esterday, adding guardedly: "But, so often in life, excitement is followed by disappointment. We shall see." Mellor may be a classical music buff, but the real intelli-gentsia go for dishes of a different shape. Harold Pinter, leading opponent of mono-lithic media baronies, has finally sold out to cricket. In the basement of his mansion in Campden Hill Square is a little cubbyhole known as the Sky Room. Harold cannot exist without live coverage of England's performance in the West Indies.

BARRY FANTONI



n now on, comrade, for running dog read running mate'

poor old Skoda cars, which suffer mightily from derision at their presamed tractor-factory Czech origins, have at last attracted a tiny touch of class to the marque. They are sponsoring a seven-week run, which opened at the Lyric Studio. Hammersmith, last night, of a cycle of three one-act plays, Audience, Protest and Private View, written over 20 years ago but banned until last autumn. The author? Vaciav Havel, President of Czechoslovakia. You've seen the play, now drive the car. Except that, I feel duty bound to point out, Havel's presidential transport is a Renault.

Public relations campaigns, however, can sometimes appear to have been a complete waste of time. Since they were turned from government agency into limited company nearly four years ago, the people who run our major airports have expended considerable time and money educating us in the fact that their name is now BAA - initials which, they insist, stand for absolutely nothing at all. Imagine the distress of their chairman, Sir Norman Payne, at this week's inaugural meeting of the Aviation Club, as he heard the guest speaker refer to the body repeatedly as the British Airports Authority. As Transport Secretary, you would think that Cecil Parkinson would know better. The prospect of German re-unification - quite pos-

sibly this year — is one of the earliest fruits of the tremendous events of the past few months in Europe. First reactions in Britain - intended to convey a cautious welcome - were widely, and no doubt unfairly, taken as grudging and unimaginative. Subsequent efforts to set the record straight have been hampered by near-hysterical reflexes

in parts of the popular press.
Yet I stand by my suggestion last November that it would be dangerous as well as futile to swim against the emotional tide of popular support in both halves of Germany for reunifica-tion. Germany will be united. If this is achieved against the nap of European opinion, rather than with the full blessing of Germa-ny's parmers, it will entail a far ter likelihood of destabilizing Europe - the very outcome its critics most fear.

Happily, that danger is largely behind us. There is now a general acceptance, even in the Soviet Union, that reunification — properly managed — offers tremendous opportunities for us all, if only we will seize them. The broad mechanisms for

managing the transition have

Leon Brittan outlines a positive EC response to reunification

The German opportunity

become clear even before the East German elections which will be held this month. The four wartime allied powers have residual responsibilities, which are respected in the "two plus four" formula under which discussions will take place between the two German states and the

The unified Germany should be part of Nato, but with no troops in what is at present East Germany. Nato itself will need to adapt to the new realities, and the security and co-operation summit later this year will be an important stage in that process. It is already clear that Europe can achieve a balance of forces with far fewer troops and armaments. That is the peace dividend, which we should not be afraid to declare.

If reunification on this basis is

to become a reality, there is one further requirement. Both Germanies must give binding undertakings that remification will take place within their present external frontiers. Only the formal abundonment of historical German territorial claims will give Poland and other neigh-bouring countries the reassurance they rightly seek, and above all cushe the Soviet Union to feel safe in withdrawing its troops from East Germany. Settling the terms of German reunification in the context of

European security is vital, but along with that there is the question of the political and economic relationship. It is here that the European Community is crucial. This is

because the Community has become, quite simply, the mainspring of European integration. It is the natural focus for the emerging European order, both for those, like East Germany, that are shortly to be within the Community, and for other coun-

tries which must define new

relationships (perhaps culminat-ing in membership): the coun-tries of Efta and the emerging democracies of Eastern Europe. Rapid East German inte-gration into the Community raises a large number of immediate practical difficulties. Much attention has already been paid to German monetary union and its likely impact on the wider process of European economic and monetary union. I consider that the inflationary implications of German monetary union have been exaggerated. I am confident that the Bundesstability will be undiminished,

and that the necessary adjust-ments to maintain it will be made. These adjustments will be both economically modest and politically acceptable. So there is no reason why the German process should cause us either to delay or to accelerate our own work on economic and monetary

union, including early British membership of the exchange-rate mechanism of the European

Monetary System.

The new Germany will combine some of the most developed regions of the Community with some of the least developed. How should the Community's regional policy operate? How can fair competition be achieved in the short term, given that East Germany presently operates dis-Germany presently operates dis-torted systems of wages, prices and state subsidy? To what ex-tent might West German state support for investment in the East — desperately needed to stem the flood of economic migrants - create unfair competition within the Community? What controls should we put in place, and what transitional period is both reasonable and practicable? East Germany is one of the most polluted regions in the world. How soon should we subject it to the full rigour of EC

lew in this respect - and what are the implications for fair competition as long as we hold back? Agriculture, 100, will pose formidable problems, linked to the general problems of transation from a command economy

These are not academic questions. They are of crucial importunce to every businessman, farmer and consumer in the Community. We are engaged in defining the terms under which the new Germany will take its place in the European market. The European Commission has already started examining such questions, at the request of the Council of Ministers. And I am sare that we can arrive at workable solutions. There are those who see a danger of the size and economic power of a united Germany upsetting the balance of Europe. Whatever the validity of that fear, the best way of allaying it is to ensure that a united Germany forms part of a confident and dynamic European Community. That is the best guarantee to the smaller countries that their interests will be protected in the emerging Europe.
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Commission.

Proof that no woman is an island

Ronald Butt contends that Mrs

Thatcher, like many another leader after a run of hard-won victories.

has become flawed with hubris

e know only too well by now the things that have gone wrong with Mrs Thatcher's government. What is harder to understand is why they have gone wrong, often, apparently, for no good reason.
We know, above all, about the return of inflation and the crippling cost for so many people of the high interest rates that are again needed to bring it down. (This time there is no Labour nor neo-Keynesian legacy to account for it.) We know too that the cost of mortgages intensifies inflation-propelled wage de-

mands, threatening the return of damaging industrial disputes. It is also only too clear that the government which invented the poll tax is much more likely to be blamed for its adverse conequences than the local authorities which levy it. Then there is the discontent with the condition of the public services, from the hospitals to transport, and public unease about the long

dispute with the ambulancemen. We recall, too, how the unconcealed conflict between Mrs Thatcher and Mr Nigel Lawson over economic management vitiated confidence in Government policy long before he resigned. At the back of our minds there is also the memory of the messy way in which the last Cabinet reshuffle was carried out. Abroad we had first Mrs Thatcher's earlier resistance to Mr Gorbachov's proposals for nuclear disarmament within Europe, and now her liberally voiced suspicions about the consequences of German uni-

fication. Suddenly Britain seems

oddly isolated from its allies,

and for no very good reason. So we can hardly be surprised that the Government has sunk to an alarmingly low level in the opinion polls, dangerously late in the Parliament, with a MORI poll giving Labour a straight 17-point lead. How stark the contrast seems with the days when the Government took on the unions, and won; tackled inflation, and (almost) won; privatized industries on a scale that nobody had supposed possible; sold council houses; reduced taxation; even tackled the egalitarian deadhand in education.

the 1979 Parliament, it was obvious that the Government's intellectual opponents (their economic and social ideas rooted in the 1960s) were wrong in their belief that it would end in Tory defeat in 1983. The reality was that the old ways were finally discredited, Labour was still unregenerate, and there was no alternative to Thatcher policies.

Even in the hardest times of

All this has clearly not gone wrong now simply because Mr Kinnock has driven his party to discard much of what had made it unelectable. For Labour still offers nothing that is persuasive in its own right. There is not the slightest sign that it is ready with a vision, or even, as in 1964, with a beguiling mirage, to attract voters. Labour's prospects rest only on the hope that, with the collapse of the political centre, it will look just about politically respectable enough to be the beneficiary of the Government's self-inflicted defeat. Either party could win the

next election, and everything depends on how the Government



handicap is not simply its wrong turning in economic management, but voters' stored memory of the Thatcher record in this Parliament. It has fallen into two possibly fatal political traps.

irst, it has developed the psychological flaw which afflicts almost all politicians who have been conspicuously successful in battles against heavy odds. History is littered with great leaders who come to feel invincible. Confidence turns into foolhardiness, and criticism from friends is brushed aside as weakness or treachery. (Thus critics of the poli tax, even from the economic right of the party, are denigrated as wet.) In this hubristic spirit, will-power is supposed to vanquish all opposition until events prove the contrary.

Second, Mrs Thatcher's Government has allowed itself to become narrowly doctrinaire in outlook. To say this is not at all to criticize the economic policies and theories with which it reversed inflation, privatized in-dustry, unleashed the opportunity to regenerate industry by enterprise and made many people wuch more prosperous.

Mrs Thatcher brought great

courage in standing against the influences in her own party which would have undermined these policies. But it was perhaps that fight against the so-called wets, and the uncompromising stance she had to take, which moulded her permanent demeanour of always seeing attack as the best method of defence. What was a necessary expedient has become a trouble-laden habit. It is always politically disastrous to become so attached to a single doctrine or set of attitudes as to believe that they are selfsufficient and need neither enlargement or adjustment. Yet too often the Government has seemed to assume that free-

market doctrine, in its simple

sense, was enough, provided the old social systems of the welfare state were broadly maintained, figures of higher social spending could be trotted out, and there was a little administrative tinkering (on the NHS, for instance, or targeting welfare benefits)."

In deeper social thinking there has been comparatively little interest. For example, though it used to be fashionable in the Government to talk about the 'social market', Mrs Thatcher has never been interested in its real relevance, which (as in West Germany) is to combine a total market system for making the economy prosperous with a comprehensive and thoroughly thought-out social system which benefits from the prosperity. (For instance, she has never agreed that constructive worker participation in firms is a way of diminishing the more destructive kind of union power.) The Conservative Party has

always been a party with basic

principles which guide its adap-tation to historical change in politics, and a belief in flexibility pointes, and a bener in nextrainly in action. Increasingly in recent years, however, the Government has given the impression of seeming to wish to answer the inflexible dogma which has guided Labour by a dogma of its own. Even the present economic downturn arises from this flaw.

f when the budget surpluses were piling up and the economy was booming, more of the proceeds had been applied to the infrastructure and less to national debt repayment, we might both have had a more efficient economy and temerially if credit restraint and (especially if credit restraint had been applied more quickly) avoided the inflationary credit boom in the private sector. But it has been assumed that what is not (yet) convenient for privatization is not well placed to claim investment.

In part, the Government's errors arise from the length of its time in office. New problems arise each day, but new thoughts for dealing with them are less easily come by. And so the Cabinet has become inwardlooking, rigid and prone to mechanistic thinking. It is this that has made it cling to the poll tax, patching and stitching as it went, to try to remedy each snag as it emerges, only to find another one. Much the same applies to the patched-up scheme for student loans. There has developed an unwillingness to read the writing on the wall or even to take public opinion seriously. In all this, the public She is so head and shoulders above her Cabinet that it is bound to be so. It is essential for the Tories, in the decisive year ahead, that she should listen not only to the disciples of the established political creed, but to critics and to public opinion. For the simple political fact about almost all the Government's current difficulties is that they are of its own making.

Child care — the allowances that go begging

Edwina Currie on support for working mothers that is widely ignored

By now, most people have heard of the "demographic time-bomb", the coming drop in the number of school leavers which will force employers to look with more interest at such exotica as the elderly, black people and women to fill their vacancies in the next decade. By 1995, according to the Department of Employment, 80 per cent of all new jobs will have to be taken by women. But the main group still available for employment women with young children — presents a problem.

A Gallup survey for the CBI last year showed that 21 per cent of women with young children who are not working (and as many as 41 per cent of all singleparent mothers who are not) would return to work immediately if suitable arrangements could be made for the children. For many women, child care, or some form of employer contribution towards it, will make the difference between choosing to work and being unable to choose, yet only 3 per cent of employers have started to think about "the perk of the Nineties".

It is widely believed that there are no tax incentives, and loud are the calls from pressure groups for the Government to do more. But there are tax reliefs, starting with the business itself. Any employer who pays for or towards child care for employees, or who runs a facility on company premises, can treat the expense just like most other costs of employment (the canteen or company gym, for exam-ple); and this includes capital costs. The costs come out of the profits declared against tax, and it may well be cheaper to offer child care than to pay overtime or to recruit and train a new employee in a time of shortage. Of course, subsidized child care is treated as a "benefit in kind" for income tax purposes, but a company which pays directly for child care will find

there is no Class I employers'

national insurance to pay. Com-

pared with the cost of paying an

equivalent cash sum to the

working mother, that is a saving

to the business of up to 10.45 per cent for a typical employee. And the mother, in turn, does not have to pay national insurance on the benefit; so this already amounts to a subsidy of nearly 20 per cent from the Exchequer. There is another concession. Provided her total annual income, including benefits-inkind, is less than £8,500, a working mother does not pay income tax on the benefits. This is an arbitrary limit, and has not

been increased since 1981, but it

should help many women who work part time, and many others in low-paid work, below the ceiling of £165 per week. The rest of us have to pay tax, usually by an adjustment of the PAYE code. The move to independent taxation next month will benefit millions of women. It is clearly cheaper for a woman to take advantage of child care benefit-in-kind, and pay tax on it, than to pay for such care herself out of income after tax

and national insurance.

Taking a cut in salary in exchange for benefit-in-kind can be a gain. Suppose I earn £8,500. After tax and national insurance, I have £6,460. Paying for a nursery place could bring my net income down to under £4,500 barely half my gross income. However, if my company pays

directly for the nursery place and reduces my salary so that its costs are identical, I will be nearly £300 a year better off. If my salary plus the £2,000 nurs-ery place total just less than the £8,500 limit, I will be more than £600 better off, and my company will be nearly £200 in pocket too. Here is the tax relief effective but largely unknown.

The most expensive kind of child care is the nanny. This involves paying employer's national insurance contributions for the name out of taxed income, so the working mother may well find that she is working for peanuts. The name may be clearing more than she is. To pay her namny a gross salary of £7,200, a working mother paying 25 per cent marginal tax rate must earn more than £10,600. I looked at some sums recently for a woman earning £17,000 employing a nanny at £7,200 (which is not excessive in London). If she can persuade her company to pay the nanny direct, she can take a cut of as much as £7,000 in her own salary (leaving the employer's costs much the same), have the nanny and be almost £1,200 a year better off. She may lose some pension rights, but with the cash in hand,

ments to cover the gap. The gain is even bigger if the mother moves down from the higher tax. bracket to the lower one. None of these concessions is secret, but they are hardly used. Why not? Because few know about them. If the Government really wants to promote wom-en's opportunities in the job market, it can do no better than to tell everyone about how the

Exchequer can help. Fortu-

she can make her own arrange-

nately, job-market pressures are finally forcing employers to be more imaginative.

There are substantial savings for the Government, too, if single parents currently on benefit return to work, even parttime, as many wish to do. The Department of Employment pays single mothers on Employment Training £50 a week towards child care, but many mothers in low-paid jobs are unable to find similar sums out of taxed income, so they give up and go back on the dole, which benefits nobody.

The job market in many parts' of Britain, not just the South-east, is already uncomfortably tight; half the employers in East Anglia, for example, have recruitment problems. We need somen at work if we are not to slide into inflationary com-petition for the shrinking num-bers in the young workforce. I hope more employers will in-vestigate the concessions that exist, take professional advice, and make full use of them. The author is Conservative MP for Derbyshire South.

Cogito maxime, ergo sumo seriously embarked on their downwardly mobile careers. Max some other twins got the parts

My grandtwins are now collec-tively six-and-a-half years old. One of them is identical, but as we keep forgetting which one, my daughter has grown Max a pigtail (or possibly it is Harry who has the pigtail). Anyway, that is how we tell them apart. When we see the twins, we no longer ask which is which; we say "remind me which one has the pigtail", and my daughter, their mother, says "it's Max with the Pigtail like the property with the property wit MP (or possibly Harry with the Pigtail like HP). I like having grandtwins in Battersea, hope this is mutual, I mean I hope Max and Harry like having me as a grandfather quite far away also.

Last year, before they started going to pre-play-school and were just terrorizing Battersea, they did an audition to play the Kray Twins in a film: it was for a scene early on, before they (the Krays) confirm my statement if she did

and Harry did not get the parts. The director asked one of them to take the other's toys, then have the other pull a knife on him. He said: "Action", and Max grabbed Harry's teddy bear as instructed. Harry's tody bear as instructed.
Harry watched, smiled, gave Max
his jigsaw and his plastic mallet
and then hugged him. The
director said: "Next." My disconsolate daughter telephoned
and said it was no good. I asked
why. She said it was because
they did not take divertion. they did not take direction - so I told her that this was exactly what the Krays did not take; judges and the people at Broadmoor would

and there remain, roaming around Battersea for all but a couple of pre-play-school hours five mornings a week, a brace of three-and-a-quarter-year-old boys each weighing three-and-a-half stone — which is a substantial

weight for children of that age.
I would like them to take up the friendly and convivial sport of sumo, for which they are ideally built. Naturally I accept that it will be some years before they can enter even the lowest jonolaichi division, but time is on their side, as is the length of Max's hair. Harry (if it is Harry) will just have to grow his and we have sent off tie their hair in a topknot.



FREUD

for bintsuke, the sumo's supergive pomade, richly scented with oil of camellia, which keeps hair in place during bouts, though until they make the rankings they can

The o-icho-mage in which hair is pulled back, tied and then doubled forward in a fan shaped like a leaf of the sacred ginkgo tree, goes with success - as does the personal attention of a tokepuma, the oriental Vidal Sassoon figure who bows a lot and travels with his maditional case of

Sumo wrestlers wear a 30st loin cloth known as mawashi, which is folded lengthwise to eight inches, wrapped around the waist, passed between the legs and knotted at the back. None of this is as crucial as building them up on the recognized diet of chankonabe, the all-embracing stew cooked in containers the size of

washbasins. A typical chanko will be bite-sized chunks of pork or chicken or fish, flavoured with sugar and soy, with which are simmered carnets and onions, cabbege, leek, spinsch and mushrooms, tom and bean-passe. It is not the stew that is greatly fattening, it is the huge bowls of rice eaten as accompan ment, the serious quantities of beer and sake drunk therewith and the fried noodles that are

What I find especially attractive about the sumo profession is the esteem in which successful

caten as between-meal anacks,

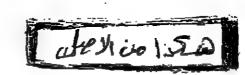
which make the buthroom scales

competitors are held. Once in the makonouchi division, wresters assume the mante of male prishes, get invited to lend presinge to dinner parties, are photographed with distinguished trusts given constructed to guests, given great wadges of tax-free folding money which, I have explained to the boys, is tra-ditionally sent home to benefit the old folks,

the old folls.

As I write, Max and Harry are training in the basement of their house in Battersen. The ring is a little short of the 14ft. 10in regulation size; their mamanis are fashioned of tattered ties no longer used by their grandfather, but the game's the thing: they are already really proficient at throwing sait, and in yesterday's bout one of them emerged, the winner one of them emerged the winner by tsuri drishi ... or it might have been the other. Sumo with real westless is shown on Change 4 aclevision.

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FOURTH ESTATE IN FLUX

There has been a remarkable flowering of new newspapers and journals in Central and Eastern Europe - 400 in Hungary since the fall of Janos Kadar in May 1988, nearly 600 in Poland since last August. There is a tremendous hunger for news, and a wholesale rejection of propaganda. Readers are defecting from the party papers, which are struggling with mixed success to distance themselves from party dogma and adopt a completely new philosophy of reporting and comment.

The impression is that the collapse of the communist monopoly of information has been even more complete than that of the parties which used the media as their mouthpiece. The reality is more complex. The old Nomenklatura remains well entrenched. Some of the new media, particularly in Hungary, remain in party hands. The party monopoly of newsprint, printing presses, distribution facilities and even newspaper kiosks is only beginning to be broken.

Many of the new papers are struggling on shoestring budgets, lacking both the equipment and the management skills needed to survive in what are becoming highly competitive markets. Genuinely independent newspapers. those without ties to the Church, to old or new political parties or to movements such as Civil Forum in Czechoslovakia, are few, and will fail unless they find their feet as commercial ventures

All the countries of the former Soviet bloc are entering periods of austerity as they struggle to convert to free market systems. Even in the euphoria of freedom, popular assent for painful economic reforms is by no means assured. The existence of a flourishing independent press providing accurate information and a forum for debate could make the difference between success and failure.

In some respects, the nascent free press is a victim of the economic reforms. In Poland, newsprint subsidies were abolished on January 1. Overnight, prices trebled to world market levels and, even though most of the larger papers are overstaffed, paper and ink now account for 70 per cent or more of costs.

Strains on family budgets mean there is little scope for raising newspaper prices, while advertising, as elsewhere in Eastern Europe, is extremely under-developed.

The news industry is unlikely to survive in a healthy state without Western aid, investment and technical assistance. Britain already finances training for journalists under a programme set up for Poland last June and to be extended to Hungary and Czechoslovakia. That is important, particularly in areas such as business and court reporting where skills are scarce. Quite as vital, however, are advice on new technology and commercial skills which, because they are so alien, are held in some contempt: newspaper accounting, the creation of advertising departments and distribution and circulation techniques.

That is where Western news organizations could play a role. This week, at the request of six leading Western media associations, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization held a two-day meeting in Paris to give East European editors the opportunity to explain their needs to Western colleagues and potential investors.

Altruism and commercial interest should march hand in hand. The first joint ventures have already been launched in Hungary and Poland, and more proposals were put forward in Paris. The market in Eastern and Central Europe has considerable potential, but at this period of transition to the market-place, most newspapers are not yet commercial propositions. There is also understandable anxiety, particularly in East Germany, about being swallowed up as junior partners of Western

For Unesco, this exploratory meeting is a test of its willingness to break with two decades of attempting to corral the media and return to its original mission of promoting the "free flow of ideas". For the Western press, it is a challenge, as the rebirth of democracy in Eastern Europe enters a testing phase, to translate its belief in the freedom of the press

ONE CHEER FOR RANGOON

the train. At Victoria Station there

is another not inconsiderable pay-ment on the boat train for the bike

which has to be pushed into a

hopelessly overloaded luggage van. If the bike is registered at Victoria Station and thereby sent

separately, I run the risk of having

to wait at the other end for the

Furthermore, last year on the return journey, I was nearly arrested at Victoria Station for

collecting my bike from the lug-

gage van (having put it there myself in the first place) because

the van happened to be for

registered luggage only and was therefore impounded until passed

by the customs. This is all a far cry

from Robin Neillands' happy account of cycling holidays (Re-view, February 17). Yours faithfully,

Forth Bridge scale

From Professor R. A. Smith Sir, The article on Forth Bridge

(Review, February 24) was very timely: I used the pictures on display boards I prepared to celebrate the bridge's centenary. The picture of Benjamin Baker's

three-man demonstration of the

cantilever principle is well known.

A contemporary description pro-vided a vivid explanation of the

Imagine the chairs one-third of a

mile apart and the men's heads as high as the cross of St Paul's, their arms represented by huge lattice steel ginders and the sticks by tubes

scale of the bridge:

C. DELANEY,

67 Talbot Street,

February 20.

Saint Mary's Priory,

machine for perhaps two days.

Campaigning began officially this week for Burma's general election in late May — its first multi-party poll for 29 years. Six major political parties and more than 100 minor ones are preparing to fight over 491 seats.

The less good news is that martial law is still in place, with a curfew which is rigorously observed. The number of political prisoners remains high. Last week's report on human rights from the US State Department said that a conservative estimate of politically motivated arrests during 1989 would be at least 4,000. All election publications will be censored and although political rallies are permitted they will take place behind a screen of watchful soldiers. No foreign scrutineers are

The military junta's leading political opponent, Mrs Aung San Suu Kyi, has been under house arrest since last July. She is the daughter of the revered General Aung San, who led Burma to independence, and her National League for Democracy would almost certainly win a free poll. As it is, she has been banned from even standing: one reason appears to be that she is married to an Englishman. U Nu, the last elected Burmese Premier, has also been barred from putting himself forward.

Burma's history since independence reads like a tragedy in three acts. The central figure in the longest of them is General Ne Win. He overthrew U Nu in 1962 and established a ruinous dictatorship from which the country has not even begun to recover. Although forced to "retire" in 1988, he has continued to exercise power behind the scenes. Meanwhile all pro-democracy demonstrations have been forcibly, often brutally, suppressed.

The evidence suggests that the May elections are intended to deceive those Western powers (they include Britain) which have cut off aid. The National Unity Party, favoured by the

Russians in Prague

Sir, In an exclusive despatch for

the Daily Express from Prague in August, 1968, I revealed how the

Soviet Union occupied the city within four hours by seizing

Prague airport with an armed

group flown in earlier in the day

under the pretext of a special delegation visiting the Soviet Em-

They then directed the arrival

by transport aircraft of two

armoured brigades, which were in

the city centre by midnight. Meanwhile, five Warsaw Pact

armoured divisions took over the

rest of Czechoslovakia by more

orthodox means — i.e., by road —

May I ask why, then, it is taking the Soviet Union nearly 18 months to evacuate the Red

Army's 73,000 troops (report, February 27)? Shortage of housing in Russia is given as one reason. Shortage of housing in Czecho-

slovakia did not prevent the Red Army from throwing Czechs from their homes or hotels from being requisitioned in 1968.

COLIN M. LAWSON.

Bicycles by rail

From the Reverend Father Christopher Delaney

the rest is plain sailing.

Sir, Every year I go cycling on the

Continent and make my own travelling arrangements. And ev-ery year I find the hardest task is

getting the bike to the coast by British Rail. Once at the quayside

First, it is necessary to book the

9 Palmeira Square,

Hove, East Sussex.

February 27.

within 36 hours.

hossy.

From Mr Colin M. Lawson

junta, has alone been given a free hand by Rangoon. Thus the mantle of power may be slipped over its shoulders without the Army (or Ne Win) feeling the draught. Few inside or outside Burma are likely to be impressed by such a charade.

General Sam Maung and his junta are driven by a form of misplaced nationalism. They profess to see both communists and right-wing dissidents behind every manifestation of protest. Burma sorely needs to end its isolation and re-qualify for foreign aid. Now classed as the ninth poorest country in the world, it felt impelled last year to sell valuable teak logging concessions to neighbouring Thailand - whose businessmen are now stripping one of Burma's thousands of people from the cities and their enforced resettlement in the countryside is the latest sign of the junta's paranoia. A visiting group of West German parliamentarians has accused it of torture and illegal imprisonment.

The one thing to which opponents of the regime may look forward with any hope is the death of Ne Win. Rumours about his health remain conflicting. On the one hand they say that at the age of 78 he still plays a regular, if restricted, game of tennis. Others talk of a steady trickle of foreign doctors summoned to his well-protected villa.

It is still possible that the poll will produce a result unwelcome to the junta. That, however, does not mean that a transfer of power would automatically ensue: the Army promises only a period of consultation during which constitutional change will be considered.

The most that may be said for the election is that it provides a distant glimmer of light. Meanwhile the world's growing family of democracies should continue to make clear to the junta the opprobrium in which it is held.

bike on train, in my case to 12 feet in diameter at the base, and a very good notion of the structure is London, and then to discover that there is no room for the cycle on

The Japanese man in the centre not only "represented the en-gineer's debt to the East for the idea" (a rather fanciful notion) but was Kaichi Watanabe, who after studying as a research student under Lord Kelvin at the University of Glasgow worked as a junior engineer on the project.

On his return to Japan Watanabe became chief engineer of the Japan Public Works Company and played a major part in the modernisation of Japan. He was typical of many of the brighter students of Meiji Japan who came to Britain to receive technological training at that time. Yours faithfully, RODERICK A. SMITH, University of Sheffield, Department of Mechnical and

Proven identity

Sheffield, South Yorkshire,

Process Engineering,

February 26.

From Miss Jane M. Reynolds Sir, Obeying the injunction to keep one's cheque guarantee card separate from one's cheque book, I found myself in Sainsbury's with no other means of identification except my kidney donor card. This was accepted without any

The management considered that I must be "me" because I would not be carrying another person's card. Yours sincerely JANE REYNOLDS, Sandal, 68 Firs Road, West Mersea,

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

who "will save £1,000 a year" and another "couple in an adjoining street who will have to find an extra £500 for the new tax".

By his own definition the poll

tax is a flat-rate tax, based on the principle of the individual's duty to contribute towards the cost of

"couple living in Suffolk Street".

The widow might have little more than her pension; the Suffolk Street couple could both be wage-earners: indeed, Straw's "rows of lob actions in later and living in Sufface and living in Sufface and Indeed, Straw's "rows of lob actions in Sufface and Indeed,

19th-century terraced houses" may each have three or four adult

wage-carners with an aggregate income far outstripping the wid-

The widow is by no means

hypothetical. In this area there are

many widows, in modest flats, who have to pay £1,000 yearly in rates, while their younger neighbours, enjoying the same local-authority services while living in shared or rented accommodation, night pay nothing at all. These

might pay nothing at all. These, together with others who in the

past have paid little or nothing

towards the rates, would naturally

prefer the present system to continue unchanged.

If there are going to be cases of

an "excessive burden on the shoulders of the poor and the

worst off" it should not be

impossible to ensure that such

cases will receive appropriate consideration and relief. But to

describe the new system as an

"iniquity" because it brings into the area of fiscal responsibility

those groups who until now have

enjoyed the benefits without contributing to the costs is surely a gross misuse of terms. Yours faithfully,

sources mixed in the back of a

At the same time the UK. Cheese Guild is, with the country's leading dairy college at Reaseneath in Cheshire, creating a

six-part training scheme, financed by leading cheesemakers in Eng-

land and overseas. It will com-

mence in September, 1990, with

the first diplomas awarded in July,

Although no encouragement,

either moral or financial, has yet

come from the Government,

many leading multiples are expressing great interest in this

scheme, as well as specialist independents. Let's hope that the

politicians and bureaucrats will

take note and not, through ig-norance of the product, legislate

these fine cheeses out of existence.

and numeracy in those recruited.

It would encourage employers to recruit more staff if vouchers were given to the unemployed, who in turn gave them to the employer to offset the cost of on-

the job training and the risk of

increasing his payroll costs. With

such a system we would be helping

the economy and encouraging small businesses to create jobs, real jobs that the unemployed can

Actem (UK) Ltd. (Engineering

the case that every seat will be taken up, leaving no relief to the, service ranks of bodies.

Small wonder then that, against this stressful background, those who do not enjoy the best of health may succumb to illness during flights. The time has surely come when much more generous

provision for aisle widths and seat

dimensions, together with much stricter requirements for hand luggage, are imposed on short-haul flights, despite the con-sequential increases which would

result for passenger fares. Yours faithfully,

77 Cheyne Court, Royal Hospital Road, SW3.

days' sailing from Foo Choo. He

and other enthusiasts may like to know that this historic event is commemorated in a fine pointing

of the two vessels beating up the Channel under full sail, a splendid

The painting can be seen at the Scottish Fisheries Museum in Anstruther, Fife, where it is held with pride, especially because of its local connections. The Ariel

was under the command of Cap-tain Keay, of Austruther, and the

Taiping was one of a line of clippers owned by another An-struther man, and former fisher-

man, Captain Rodger.

GORDON CLARKSON,

Yours sincerely

Andrews Andr

Bay Tree Cottage,

West Burn Lane

St Andrews, Fife.

B. H. LINGARD,

February 26.

Yours faithfully, D. BATTENSBY (Chairman),

10 Davy Drive

February 21.

NW Industrial Estate

Peteriee, Co. Durham.

Chiff House, 6 Terrace Road, Buxton, Derbyshire.

Yours faithfully.

February 26.

PETER PUGSON.

UK Cheese Guild,

S. SUGARMAN,

S Airthrey Court,

Branksome Park.

Poole, Dorset.

February 26.

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Wilderton Road,

heat illness

From Dr Alan Porter
Sir, The recent court martial of
Licutenant Gordon Smith (report,
February 22) is disquisting. There
is much direct and circumstantial. evidence of widespread ignorance among Service instructors about heat illness and this is the third known occasion an instructor has mistreated a serviceman seriously ill or dying of the condition. It is inconceivable that instructors would act in this way if they had been informed about prevention recognition and first aid and if they had received clear orders about how to react to a collapse.

I have a folder of letters extending back over six years that demonstrates that the Ministry of Defence and Service authorities have reacted with a mixture of indifference and ignorance whilst resenting outside interest.

The charges laid against Lieutenant Smith seem to me to deflect blame away from the Ministry of Defence. Yours faithfully, ALAN PORTER 37 Upper Gordon Road, Camberley, Surrey. February 26.

'Private' cars

From Mr M. Gunnell Sir, Mr J. H. Stanton claims (February 27) that two thirds of motor cars are company-owned and company paid-for, and that the company car needs controlling to alleviate congestion. Only 14 per cent of cars on Britain's roads are registered in company names according to the Lex Report on Motoring, 1990.

Mr Stanton may have been referring to the fact that last year between 55 and 60 per cent of new car purchases were paid for with company cheques; after two to three years these cars become "privately" owned.

As the vast majority of company cars are not "perks" but workhorses—essential tools to the salesman or engineer's trade— abolishing them would solve nothing. The claim that they would be at a loss financially by using other forms of transport becomes meaningless, because they would have no option but to buy and run a car privately, claiming costs back from the company, in order to fulfil their job requirements.
Thus there would be little or no effect on consession, although we would probably see more breakdowns. Yours faithfully,

MIKE GUNNELL (Editor, Fleet News), Emap Response Publishing Ltd., Wentworth House, Wentworth Street, Peterborough, Cambridgeshire. February 27.

A pretty pass

From Mr J. St. Bodfan Gruffydd Sir, Revisiting my birth-place recently, I plucked up courage to look at the Dinorwic pump storage scheme near Llanberis, in Gwynedd. Thinking of the tremendous fight the amenity and conservation bodies had to persuade the CEGB through Parliament to at least carry out the proposal in the least damaging way, I approached the site with some trepidation.

There, in place of the viewblocking dams originally proposed at each end of Llyn Peris, were modest embankments, quite inconspicuous in the scale of the surrounding mountains. The view from the foot of Llyn Padan is still clear right up Llanberis Pass and Nant Peris village still enjoys its normal climate.

This is an excellent example of how schemes of this kind can be carried out and the CEGB is to be congratulated on acting on the advice that was given. Would that this had been done with the same care at Cwm Dyli, near Nantgwyn-

Yours faithfully, J. ST. BODFAN GRUFFYDD, Black Hill, Jubilee Drive, Malvern, Hereford and Worcester.

Brighton organ From Mr Leonard Lazell

Sir. Restoration of the dome at the Royal Pavilion, Brighton is now almost complete (report, February 24) at a cost of £9.3 million. Well done, but please spare a thought for the colossal but quite magnificent concert organ inside, neglected, dusty, dirty and unplayed, when for the necessary expen-diture in maintenance the instrument could be returned to its former glory. Must its majestic voice be silent for ever? Yours sincerely, LEONARD LAZELL, Phoenix House, 5 Redleaf Close, Tunbridge Wells, Kent.

Chinese tea race

From Captain P. E. Du Vivier, RN Sir, Mr Ronald Macdonald's letter (February 24) about the Chinese tea race recounts a most impressive feat of scamanship. For the record, and to complete the picture, it may be of interest to your readers to know that, in addition to the Taiping and Ariel, three other clippers came together off the Scilly Isles in the same race.

The Serica had sailed from China in close company, while the Fiery Cross had an advantage of some 14 hours and the Taitsing crossed the bar of the Mong river about a day behind. At journey's end the Serica docked on the same tide as the Ariei and Taining, all ships having spent all but a day or two of their 99-day voyage out of sight of each other.

MoD attitude to Cut and thrust over the poll tax

From Councillor R. W. Ainsworth particularly in the way he presents Sir. There are far too many people, the contrast between the couple Sir, There are far too many people, from the Prime Minister downwards, generalising about the reasons for the poll tax levels. Some of your recent correspondents (February 17, 26, 27) are making the same mistake.

In reality, the situation is very complex and varies enormously between each local authority, not least because the scale of chaleast because the scale of change in the financial framework, including a new grant-distribution formula and the national non-domestic rate, has a different effect for each authority. We are a Labour-controlled

council. Our 1990-91 budget is 8.9 per cent up on 1989-90, primarily because of pay awards, particularly the local government officers' settlement of 8.8 per cent, and Government legislation (poll tax and the Education Reform Act). No massive growth here, yet our poll tax is £394. Why? Compared to rates there is a loss of income from the non-domestic sector of some £9.5 million, adding £43 to our poll tax.

The Government's target of £329 assumes everyone registers and pays. This is clearly unrealistic. After a year's experience Scottish authorities are now budgeting on average, for a loss of 5 per cent, equal to £21 on our poll

What is needed is some measured assessment during the coming months to understand the significance of each of the various factors influencing poll tax levels,

What is clear now, at whatever level of poll tax, is the gross injustice of the system itself with its enormous redistribution of burden from houses with a high rateable value (the rich?) to those with a low rateable value. Yours faithfully, BOB AINSWORTH (Claiment, Finance Committee),

From Mr Sidney Sugarman Sir, While Jack Straw (article, February 26) inveighs against "the morality" of the poll tax there are good reasons for questioning the morality of his own argument,

Coventry City Council, The Council House, Earl Street,

Coventry, West Midlands.

Cheese control

From Mr Peter Pugson Sir, Charles Hennessy ("Safety tests to be sniffed at", Review, February 24) outlines the serious problems facing cheese producers in this country. It is well to remember that 12 multiple supermarkets control 73 per cent of the food market and very few supermarkets boast the range of cheese he describes.

Whilst the proposed temperature controls are relevant to dead foods - i.e., cooked/chill meals — they are anathema to live foods such as cheese. This includes many English cheeses, not just French ones.

The Specialist Cheesemakers' Association are setting hygiene standards to be monitored by the Agricultural Development and Advisory Service for their members, most of whom make cheese from fresh milk - i.e., direct from the cow to the cheese parlour - as opposed to the bland majority whose milk comes from various

Training vouchers

From Mr D. Battensby Sir. Offering vouchers to pay for training and career development (Mr Ashby's letter, February 15) assumes that the individual can assess and determine the right path for training which leads to ltimate employment. This can be a false assumption, especially in the case of unskilled workers.

Only employers create jobs. Many small/medium busin find the cost and risk of increasing their labour force too high in times of economic uncertainty. Most prefer to recruit direct and train their own workforce in specific skills looking more for personal attributes of zeal, flexibility, disci-pline and reasonable articulacy

Illness on planes From Mr B. H. Lingard Sir, I read with interest your report

(February 24) concerning the in-creased incidence of illness abourd passenger aircraft. The previous day I had completed a seven-day round trip involving four two-hour scheduled flights on popular short-inul sireraft.

Passenger aircraft are now tai-lored down to provide the smallest ergonomically acceptable dimensions in every direction. Aisle widths are ridiculously narrow, seat widths are minimal, and seat back-to-back measurements, even in Club class, are agonising for people of quite modest leg lengths. It now seems almost inevitably

Incidentally, Ariel, having been in the van to pick up the Dungeness pilot first, was beaten by a short head as Taiping secured a tug in the Thames in better time. The feat of the Elle et Vire is no less impressive. However, I wonder whether this modern craft has it in her to do it again and again and without the aid of instant Yours sincerely

PAUL DU VIVIER 61 Woodbury Avenue, Petersfield, Hampshir

From Mr Gordon Clarkson Sir, Mr Ronald Macdonald wrote with enthusiasm about the tea clippers' race of 1866 and its remarkable result, the Taiping docking in London just half-an-hour ahead of the Ariel after 99

Museum site for Docklands

From Lerd Lowell-Davis
Sir, The Chief Executive of the
London Docklands Development
Corporation (February 21) writes
that "the LDDC's substantial
support for [the Docklands Museum) project over the past eight years ... has not yet led to a decision by the Museum of London to go ahead with an achievable scheme". This is an over-simplification.

the services provided for every-body's use. But his hypothetical example fails to take into account the familiar example of the widow living out her last years in the family home, required under the The Museum of London approached the LDDC in 1982 with present system to pay (using Straw's own figures) seven or eight times as much in rates as the a mice-panel state.

1. The life and work of the area should be recorded before the great changes in Docklands took

2. The LDDC should select and preserve historic buildings and structures which could be adapted to serve the new and old commu-

3. An area and buildings should be designated by the LDDC to pro-vide a museum of international importance devoted to London's port and industries.

This was accepted by the corporation. The first element has been substantially achieved and has resulted in the formation of m internationally important collection; I leave others to comment on the success of the conservation policy for historic buildings, but the new museum has not been

The chance of raising the necessarily large sums for such a jewel in the redeveloped Docklands crown has never been tested because, despite four separate and carefully thought-out proposals from the steering committee set up to oversee the museum, the LDDC never committed themselves to a site, nor put sufficient pressure on a developer to find

In 1988 we were nearly there. A joint working party was formed beween the LDDC and the Museum of London which reported in June of that year that the best and possibly last opportunity to realise the new museum was in historic buildings at the Royal Victoria Dock:

Detailed proposals for this scheme were presented to the LDDC in January, 1989. Soon after this, however, the LDDC were proposing a much smaller scheme in commercial premises at the North Quay of West India Dock They argued that the anticipated redevelopment of the Royal Docks was a long way off and that they could not go on supporting the project indefinitely.

In December, 1989, given these realities, the Museum of London and the steering committee agreed to pursue the North Quay option and the LDDC undertook to provide funding to enable the project to go forward over three financial offer was suddenly withdrawn in January (report, February 2, later editions) placing at risk both our current services and eight years of intensive work to find a permanent home for the

Yours sincerely LOVELL-DAVIS (Acting Chairman, Museum in Docklands Steering Committee), The Museum of London. London Wall, EC2. February 27.

NHS reforms From Mr D. J. Moss

Sir, Your correspondent, Dr Oscar Hill (February 9) must be spending too much time in Harley Street, for he surely underestimates the ability of NHS managers and clinicians to handle the present wave of reforms. Dr Hill also confuses the achievement of NHS trust status with the implementation of workload contracts for patient activity.

Southampton General Hospital, which is one of the largest teaching hospitals in the United Kingdom will not be an NHS trust by Apri I, 1991, but we will be well prepared to offer workload contracts to a wide range of health authorities by that date. Indeed we will have over 16 regional specialties on a shadow contract basis from April 1, 1990. 🕟

We welcome the apportunity to be paid for the volume and complexity of the work that we carry out and, if we are successful, this can only benefit teaching and

Yours sincerely, D. J. MOSS (General Manager), Southempton General Hospital, Shirley, Southampton, Hampshire.

February 12.

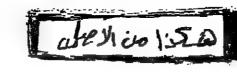
In case of need

From Mrs Susan C. Balsom Sir, Trying to reach Aberystwyth yesterday in the rail chaos that followed recent storms, I eventually boarded a crowded train from Euston. After half an hour and several apologies for a delayed departure due to staff shortages, there came a desperate plea over the intercom: "Would any passenger who is a British Rail guard please come forward.

I wonder whether Times readers have other variations of "Is there a doctor in the house?" or de Yours faithfully. SUSAN C. BALSOM, Y Glyn, Llanfarien, Aberystwyth, Dyfed.

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February 28.



GREVILLE WYNNE



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
February 28: Senor Enrique
Baron Crespo (President of the
European Parliament) was received by The Queen.
His Excellency Mr Tason
Paner des (High Commissioner
for Cyprus and Doyen of the
Diplomatic Corps) was received
by The Queen when Her
Majesty invested him with the
Insignia of an honorary Knight
Grand Cross of the Royal
Victorian Order.
The Queen and The Duke of

The Queen and The Duke of Eduburgh were entertained at dinner this evening by His Excellency the New Zealand High Commissioner at 43 Chelsea Square, London SW3. The Duchess of Grafton and the Right Hon Sir William Heseltine were in attendance. The Duke of Edinbugh, President, Parliamentary and Scientific Committee, attended the Annual Lunch of the Com-mittee at the Savoy Hotel, London WC2.

Afterwards His Royal High-

ness, as Patron of the National Trust's Appeal "Enterprise Neptune", launched the Silver Neptune", launched the Silver Jubilee Anniversary of the Appeal at the National Trust Headquarters. Oneses Armst Headquarters, Queen Anne's Gate, London SW1. Brigadier Clive Robertson

CLARENCE HOUSE February 28: Colonel M.ff. Woodhead today had the honwoodnesd today had the hon-our of being received by Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, Colonel-in-Chief, 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's), upon relinquishing his appointment as Colonel of the

Major-General M. G. Swindells also had the bonour of being received by Her Majesty upon assuming his appointment as Colonel of the 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's).

Queen Elizabeth The Queen

Mother was present this evening at a Gala Performance of La Traviata at the London Coliseum given in aid of the Royal Air Force Benevolent Fund to mark the 50th Anniversary of the Battle of Britain.

The Lady Grimthorpe and Sir Alastair Aird were in

Greville Wynne, who died in

hospital in London on February 27, aged 71, was the British businessman who, as an agent of British intelligence in the early 1960s, was the intermediary between Western intelligence services and

ern intelligence services and Oleg Penkovsky, a senior of-ficer in the Soviet military

intelligence service who became a valuable source of

Wynne's role at the height of the Cold War was an important one, and the suc-cess of his dangerous role as go-between, in what was

considered to be one of the most important post-war

intelligence operations, was a feather in the cap of British

intelligence in the aftermath of

the Burgess and Maclean set-backs. The information Wynne obtained in this period

included the names and photographs of around 300

agents of the Soviet Union and other Warsaw pact countries; the details of Soviet

missile sites; an analysis of

military manpower and

weapon production, and, of

particular interest, the

information that Khrushchev

had allowed important guid-

ance equipment, which was at that time in very short supply,

to be sent with the rockets that

were being installed in Cuba.

In the event, the Soviet

intelligence authorities caught

up with both Wynne and Penkovsky. Wynne was arrested while on a business

trip to Budapest in 1962 and

sentenced to eight years hard labour from which he was

released in 1964 and returned

to Britain in exchange for the

Soviet spy Gordon Lonsdale.

Anthony Clare Greville Wynne was born in Shrop-

shire in 1919 and spent his

early childhood in South

Wales where his father worked

for an engineering company. Wynne himself studied en-

gineering extra-murally at Nottingham University in the

During the war he worked

in British intelligence. After-wards he established himself

in an export business in

electrical equipment, which

served as useful cover for him

when MI6 chose him, in 1960,

years before the war.

information.

KENSINGTON PALACE KENSINGTON PALACE
February 28: The Princess of
Wales, Patron, British Sports
Association for the Disabled,
attended the Association's
BSAD Media Awards Lunch at
lan on the Park, Hamilton
Place, WI.
Mrs Max Pike, LieutenantCommander Patrick Jephson,
RN, and Mr Richard Arbiter
were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE February 28: The Duke Gloucester today visited Che ire and was received by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutemant for Cheshire (the Viscount Leverhulme, KG). In the morning His Royal Highness open There Offices

Groundwork Trust Offices, Marston, and subsequently opened the new Senior School building at the Grange School, Hartford.

In the afternoon The Duke of Gioucester visited the Muin Housing Group Rural Scheme

Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.
The Duckess of Gloucester, Patron, Notting Hill Housing Trust, today opened "Bramley Gardens", Freston Road, London W11.

Mrs. However Page was in Mrs Howard Page was in

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE February 28: Princess Alexan-dra, President of the Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind (Sight Savers), this after-noon visited the Enhibition "A Touch of Art", and Art and Design Competition for Schools and Colleges in aid of Sight Savers, at the Young Designers' Centre, 28 Haymarket, London

Afterwards Her Royal High-ness was present at a Reception, held to celebrate the granting of the Royal Charter of Incorporation to the Royal Common-wealth Society for the Blind, at the Commonwealth Trust, 18 the Commonwealth Trust, 18 Northumberland Avenue, WC2 Miss Mona Mitchell was in

Lady Rose Windsor is ten today.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and The Duke of the National Society for the Edinburgh will visit the Welsh Guards at Pirbright, Surrey, at 11.10 on St David's Day.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as Honorary Colonel of the Edin-burgh and Heriot-Watt Univeraities Officers Training Corps, will attend a dinner with the Honorary Colonels of the Territorial Army in the Lowlands at 51 Yorkhill Parade, Glasgow, at

Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother will attend a Soirée d'Or at the Royal College of Music at

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, will attend a meeting of the charity's trustees at 32 Chesham Place, SWI, at 11.40; and attend an Opera Evening in aid of the charity and

The George Washington Ball

Lord Pym, Chairman of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, Mrs Richard Luce, chairman of the 1990 ball committee, Mrs Anthony Bull, deputy chairman of the com-mittee, and Mr David Hicks, Director-General of the ESU, received the guests at the thirty-sixth George Washington Ball held last night at Grosvenor House. The principal guests

The Annestican Ambassador, the High Communisters for India and Shrimali Samoolra, the Ambassador for the Rederal Republic of Carnany and Shrimans won Richthofam, the Ministerier has Arts, the Permaned Underscreenery of State and Head of the Charles and India of Canada and New Laws and the Permanel of the Permanel of Tampacian Charles

Luncheons Curitime Clair Political

Mr Norman Tebbit, CH, MP, was the guest of honour and speaker at a function given by the Political Committee of the the Pointian Committee of the Carlton Club at the club yesterday. Sir William van Straubenzee, chairman of the political committee, presided. Mr Victor Gauntiett also spoke.

Junior Chamber of Commerc The Lord Mayor, accompanied by Sheriff Newall, was present at the annual luncheon of the Junior Chamber of Commerce for London, held yesterday at Mansion House. The principal speaker was Mr Robert Reid, Chairman of Shell UK. Miss Corinna O'Brien, President of the Chamber, was in the chair.

Receptions

William Bartholomew
Mr William Bartholomew was
host at a reception last night in
The Cadogan Hall of The Duke
of York's Bartacks, London, by
kind permission of Brigadier
P.C. Bowser, CBE, DL, to
celebrate the first anniversary of
William Bartholomew Party
Organising. Many distinguished
guests from the arts, commerce
and hospitality industry were
present.

Guild of Freemen of the City o Could be Freezes of the City to London Mr Clifford J. Newbold, Master of the Guild of Freezen of the City of London, and Mrs Newbold were hosts last night at their last reception of the Guild Year held at Apothecaries' Hall.

The science report appears in the science and technology section, pages 31-34.

Prevention of Cruelty to Child-ren at The Duke of York's Prince Edward will attend a dinner at Guildhall in aid of the Sports Aid Foundation Char-

trable Trust at 7.15. The Princess Royal will attend Harry Blech's 80th Birthday gala Concert at the Barbican Centre at 7.30 in aid of the London Mozart Players Endow

The Duke and Duchess of Gloucester will attend a dinner given by the St David's Day London Weish Celebration at the Savoy Hotel at 7.05. Prince and Princess Michael of Kent will be the guests of

honour at the Horse and Hound dinner and ball at Grosvenor House at 7.30. Dinner

Science and Technology, pre-sided at a lecture and dinner

discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Mr Denis Filer,

Dr Alex Moulton and Mr Les James also spoke, Among others

British Field

Institution of

Electrical

Engineers

Sports Society

The British Field Sports Society is holding a jubilee celebration dinner in London, on May 2, 1990. Members wishing to at-

tend should contact their re-gional secretaries Or head office.

The Institution of Electrical Engineers (IEE) is pleased to announce that the following have been admitted to the class

of Fellow and are permitted to use the designation FIEE:

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retirement on September 1991.

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ship: Lucius House School). The William Johnston Vano School Print Antonia Habilion (Godziowe

Scholarship awards 1990

The Wycombe Abbey Open Sch ship: Diana Magnay (Winch

Foundation for Science and

Frank Cole was educated at Technology Lord Lloyd of Kilgerran, QC, Chairman of the Foundation for St Paul's Choir School and this upbringing influenced him strongly. He was a devout

Frank Cole, who has died at Christian all his life. He joined "scratching" or fragment of hand-printing wallpapers is

restoration and in some cases re-creation of wallpapers in great country houses when Fowler began his work for the National Trust, For homes such as Clandon and Sudbury Park woodblocks would be cut and the original paper handprinted, sometimes using as the factory of John Perry in recovered from

discovered that Cole & Son ation with John Fowier of owned half the block of the the flowers. Many rooms in the House of Commons now have the original designs notably the Gothic Lily pattern in the Speaker's Room.

The collection of hand-cut wood blocks grew to 2,300 with the purchase in 1942 of

COLIN MILBURN

A rare hitter of the ball



Colin Milburn, who died yes-terday at the age of 48, after collapsing while visiting friends at Newton Aycliffe in cricketer for England and Northamptonshire as he was

that, the handicap under which he did so was too great even for a such a bold and spirited batsman to overcome. Born in the mining village

marted to attract enention as a

Although he had scored heavily for Northampton-shire's Second XI it was not

until 1962 that he gained a regular place in their champ-

ionship side. By then he was getting on for 20 stone, but the battle which he was en-

couraged to fight against his weight, by the England selec-

tors among others, was con-

ducted fitfully and with limited success. "Ollie"

Milburn was born to be heavy,

and hooking were the talk of

In the first of his nine Test

matches, against West Indies

was run out for u m the first

ers, drinking their beer in

the game.

rare hitter of the ball.

of Burnopfield on October 23, 1941, Milburn inherited his physical shape and playing style from his father, a professional in the Tyneside Senior League. Northampton-shire have a tradition of In 1989 he received an

been arrested over a week before.

OBITUARIES

Wynne was subjected to the severest interrogation at the hands of the Russians, but he subsequently claimed that his training by the British secret service involved him in much severer beatings and psychological pressure than he experienced at the hands of the KGB.

Throughout this inquisition he maintained his front of being an "innocent business-man duped by British intelligence", with some success. In the event, at a show trial, at which he was co-defendant with Penkovsky, he was forced to read from a prepared script, pleading guilty to es-He was sentenced to eight

years. (Penkovsky was sentenced to death, but he was not shot, subsequently committing suicide in a labour camp). But Wynne was not compelled to serve the whole sentence. After 18 months he was released in Berlin, on April 22, 1964, in exchange for Conon Molody (otherwise Gordon Lonsdale) a Soviet agent who had been operating in Britain for a number of

Wynne subsequently published a book, The Man from Moscow (1967), on his experiences, about which he retained a remarkably resilient atti-tude. He always maintained that patriotism and a dislike of the Soviet system had led him to do what he had.

A wealthy man in his own for Wynne to continue to meet right, Wynne retired to Maorca, where he was involved in a property business. But had recently been receiving treatment in London for canand Wynne developed fresh cover, a mobile touring exhibition which he could take cer of the throat.

> apology for comments made about him in a book, The Friends, written by Rupert Allason under the pseudonym Nigel West. He also received libel damages from the publishers, Weidenfeld and Nicholson.

Wynne's marriage to his In particular he played a key of Wynne's travelling fair in there was a son, ended in castern Europe he was kiddivorce. He married his named in Budapest and flown first wife, Sheila, of which of a Russian agent whose napped in Budapest and flown secon information about the Soviet to Moscow. Penkovsky had 1970.

In four Test innings in 1967 he was less successful, and in Co Durham, was as popular a the West Indies that winter he never got going. Although he scored a thrilling 83 in the jovial and well upholstered.

His career was cut short in May, 1969, when he lost an eye in a car accident. Although the played a few matches after that the handless was a second Test against Australia at Lords in 1968 he did not reappear until the last Test at the Oval, partly through interest the last the handless was a second Test against Australia at Lords a manning of in the second Test against Australia at Lords a through the last Test at the Oval, partly through interest the last Test at the Oval, partly through interest the last Test at the Oval, partly through interest the last Test at the Oval, partly through interest the last Test at the Oval, partly through interest the last Test at the Oval, partly through interest the last Test at the Oval, partly through interest the last Test at the Oval, partly through interest the oval partly through interest the last Test at the Oval, partly through interest the oval partly through interest through the last Test at the Oval, partly through interest through the last Test at the Oval, partly through interest through the oval partly throu concerned about his weight, left him out of the MCC side to Ceylon and Pakistan in

1968-69. Playing instead for Western Australia he scored. 243 against Queensland at Bris-bane, 181 of them between lunch and tea. He was heading the Sheffield Shield averages when summoned to reinforce the MCC party at Dacta in what was then East Pakistan. bringing Geordies into their what was then East Pakistan-side, and it was with them in His arrival was greeted with 1960 that Colin Milburn such unconfined delight by the rest of the team that a troubled tour took on a new light. Within a week he had scored a "sparkling" 139 (the adjective is Wisden's) in the riot-torn third Test in Karachi.

Less than three months later he was in Northampton General Hospital, having lost his left eye. Had it been the other one he might, as a righthanded batsman, made a worthwhile comeback. He was an incalculable loss to the game. He would take on the fiercest or the crafticst of bowlers with gusto and, as be came to maturity, with an increasing chance of success.

but it did not prevent him from being quick to react at short leg. Soon, too, the power and simplicity of his driving Milburn had a great sense of fun, the broadest of Geordie accents, an unquenchable thirst, and endless stamina. His playing days so suddenly at Old Trafford in 1966, he over, he went back for a while to retu innings before scoring 94 in various England tours as a the second. A fortnight later, courier and did some courier and did some at Lords, he made 126 not out broadcasting. But the steady in England's second innings. job he needed he never found. Griffiths, Hall and Sobers All told, he scored 13,262 were never struck harder than runs, including 23 hundreds, by Milburn that day. While at an average of 33.07. His batting at the Nursery End he Test figures were 654 runs, scattered his devoted admir- average 46.71.

He never married.

FRANK COLE

Original wallpaper designs for the House of Commons

the age of 85, was Chairman of Cole & Son, a company specializing in wallpapers 1952.

Constituting of magment of paper from the 1850 Pugin design for the visitors' dining room of the House of Lords he many of which use original wood blocks.

As a result of its work many rooms in the House of Commons now have their original designs.

The firm was founded by Frank Cole's father, Albert Percival Cole, in 1910.

to make contact with Lieuten-

ant-Colonel Oleg Penkovsky, a Soviet intelligence officer who had for some time been

giving clear signs that he was prepared to give away secret

Wynne extended his busi-

ness interests to eastern Europe and the Soviet Union,

in particular developing rela-tions with the Scientific Re-

search Committee in Moscow

foreign scientists and en-

Penkovsky was a member.

appear to have been deceived

taking Wynne for the bluff

businesman he seemed. Cer-

tainly, in the brief period

before the crunch came much

vital information about Soviet

military strength and strategic

intentions came into Western

intelligence hands.

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Initially the Russians countries.

which controlled the visits of

many as 22 blocks. From a Islington where the work of experience.

missiles in Cuba strengthened

President Kennedy's hand in

the matter of out-bluffing

Khrushchev in the crisis

But the suspicions of the

highest echelons of Soviet

intelligence were becoming

alerted, and it became unwise

Penkovsky was given a new contact with whom to work,

throughout the Iron Curtain

But by this time Soviet

intelligence antennae were

thoroughly alerted, and details

of arrangements made be-

tween Wynne and Penkovsky

for the latter's escape had been

intercepted by the Russian

On the maiden expedition

directly.

which developed in 1962.

Penkovsky

secret service.

still done. In 1949-50 he introduced from Paris the first collection

of matching wallpaper and fabric, a fashion then taken up by the whole of the industry, and in 1961 he received a Royal Appointment. In 1979 he retired, following a brutal mugging as he left the

Islington factory where he spent every morning before going to the office in Mortimer Street. He never quite

Church news

ignate of the Department of Trade and Industry's National Physical Laboratory, on April I. He will succeed Dr Paul Dean. who is retiring. Sir John Ure, Ambassador to

Mr Joe Abrams and Mr Ramindar Singh to be joint deputy chairmen of the Com-mission for Racial Equality. Legal

Mr M.G. Warren and Miss J.J. Morley
The engagement is announced between Mervyn, elder son of the late Mr Humphrey Warren and of Mrs Sabine Warren, of Hemingford Grey, Cambridgeshire, and Jennifer, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Geoffrey Morley, of Chigwell, Essex.

Mr M.J. Wilson
and Ms L. Siremoun
The engagement is announced
between Martin, second son of
Mr and Mrs J.G. Wilson, of
Northwood, Middlesex, and
Lee, third daughter of Mr and
Mrs K. Simmons, of Woking,
Surrey.

Mr M. Walton and Miss P. Willmore

The marriage took place on Friday, February 16, quietly in Bristol, between Mr Michael Walton, youngest son of Mr and Mrs A. Walton, of Whitewell House, Cranbrook, Kent, and Miss Paula Willmore, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs O. Willmore, of Old Hall, High Street, Odibam, Hampshire.

Appointments Mr William Bingley to be the first Chief Executive of the Mental Health Act

Dr Peter Clapham to be Direc-tor and Chief Executive des-

Sweden, to be UK Commis-sioner General for Expo '92 in

The following have been appointed Recorders, assigned to the Western Circuit

the Western Circus:

Mr J. M. Aspinasil, Mr C.S.C.S.

Clarke, QC, Viscount Colville of

Culross, QC, Mr M.G. Conterili,

Mrs L.H. Davies, Mr R.L.

Denyer, Mr J.D. Foley, Mr J.D.

Griggs, Mrs C.M.A. Hagen, Mr

A.G.H. Jones, Mr S.E. Jones,

Mr L.P. Lainy, Mr T.N.

MacKean, Mr M.A. de Navarro,

Mr M.P. Parroy, Mr P.A.L.A. de

ia Piquerie, Mr R.N.M. Price,

Mr J.D. Roberts, Mrs L.E.

Sullivan, Mr P.M. Thomas, Mr

H.B. Trethowan, Mr J.G.G.

Ungley, Mr W.J.M. White.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Sir Samuel Romilly, lawyer, London, 1747; Frédéric Chopin, Zelazowa Wota, Po-land, 1810; Augustus Pugin, architect of the Gothic revival, London, 1812; Lytton Strachey, London, 1812; Lytton Strachey, writer, London, 1880; Roger Martin du Gard, novelist, Neuilly-sur-Seine, 1881; Oscar Kokoscha, painter, Pochlarn, Austria, 1886; Robert Lowell, poet, Boston, Massachusetts, 1917; David Niven, Kirrlemuir, 1910 DEATHS: Thomas Campion

DEATHS: Inomas Campion, musician and poet, London, 1620; George Herbert, clergyman and poet, Salisbury, 1633; Girolamo Frescobaldi, organist and composer, Rome, 1643; Edward Moore, writer, London, 1557. 1757; George Grossmith, Savoyard and co-author of *The* Diary of a Nobody, London, 1912, Jackie Coogan, film actor,

occupation of the country, 1896.

The Ven Peter G. Hogben, Archdeacon of Dorking, diocese of Guildford, is to retire as from September 1.

Appointments The Dean of Christ Church, Oxford, the Very Rev Eric Heaton, will instal the Rev Margaret Clarke as an honorary canon on April 26. same diocese. The Ray Robert Spewers. Parish Prince S. Ambary 2 and Prince Special Spe The Rev David Silvester, Curate, St. Mary, Walthamstow, diocese Cheimstord: S. De Team Vicar, Christian De Team Vicar, Christian De Team Vicar, Christian De Team, In the David Control of the Control of Enumentical Content, some cooper.
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The Rev Derek Briggs, Vicar St., the Evangelist, Farsier, dio Bradford: to ratire as from 30 A Tae. Rev Camon William H Dorn Priest-in-charge. Wortingwarth incutoff. Tamphopton Germade

Other appointment Mrs Marilyn Jamleson, licensed lay worker in the Gateshead team, diocese Durham: to be licensed by worker in the parish of St Cuthbert with St Paul, Gateshead, same diocese.

Baroness Park of Monmouth

Latest wills Lord William Taylour, of Great Shelford, Cambridge-The life barony conferred upon

shire, archaeologist, left estate valued at £929,555 net. He left a Miss Daphne Park has been azzetted by the name, style and title of Barcoust Park of Mosmonth, of Broadway in the County of Hereford and third century BC marble relief of the goddess Kybele to the Fitzwilliam

in the Forces Royal Navy

Appointments

CAPTAIN: B M Leavey - Staff of Cinchavillant La 90: T Leand - MoD Bath 1.5.90. MOD Bath 1.8.90.

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CAPTAIN: C C Ceorge - 26.4.90: B A Rutherford - 7.4.90. COMMANDER: T'J Yarner - 7.4.90.
PRINCIPAL NURSING OFFICER: E M
Northway - 3.4.90.

The Army COLONEL: T W Plane - to HQ DA Ed 26.2.90. 262.90.

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Stimpson RE - to DNBC Centre
26.2.90: C W Walkins RMP - to Der
Export Svs Org 1.390: J R Westlake,
King's Own Border - to HQ
MONTHAG 262.90: W C Ladder R
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Royal Air Force OROUP CAPTAIN: M J Bruce - To HQ 11 Group 26.2.90 HQ 11 Group 26.2.90
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Radley College Birthdays The Council of Radley College is pleased to announce the appointment fo Mr R.M. Morgan, presently Headmaster of Cheltenham College, as Warden of Radley College, in succession to Mr D.R.W. Sitk on the latter's resistant and the Santenham. today

Mr Harry Belafonte, singer and actor, 63; Mr David Broome, show jumper, 50; Mr Douglas Bunn, founder, All England Jumping Course, Hickstead, 62; Miss Florence Calvert, former principal, St Mary's College, Durham, 78; Mr Roger Daltrey, actor and rock singer, 46; Sir Keith Falkner, a vice-president, Royal College of Music, 90; Mr Andrew Faulds, MP and actor, 67; Sir Maurice Fiennes, former chairman, Davy-Ashmore chairman, Davy-Ashmore Group, 83; Mr Allan Green, QC, Director of Public Prosecutions. 55; Air Chief Marshal Sir Lewis Hodges, 72; Lord Justice Kerr, 69; Professor James Lister, paediatrician, 67; Commandant Treatment Abban, achool. Tellord & The Walkest School. Tollord & The Walkest School. The Walkest School. The Whitelaw School. The Whitelaw School. The Whitelaw School. School Dame Nancy Robertson, former director, WRNS, 81; Professor Lord Swann, 70; the Right Rev R.S. Taylor, former Archbishop of Cane Town 21. Mr. Brien

of Cape Town, 81; Mr Brian Waites, golfer, 50.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr M.R.J. Bell and Miss J.M.L. Paterson

The engagement is announced between Michael Richard John, youngest son of Lieutenant Commander and Mrs Peter Bell, Commander and Mrs Peter Bell, of Yeabridge Close, South Petherton. Somerset, and Askham Bryan. North Yorkshire, and Joanna Mary Lillingston, daughter of Mr and Mrs Robin Paterson, of Lees Court, Matfield, Kent.

Mr S.D. Ellis and Miss K.C.J. Berry The engagement is announced between Simon David, second son of The Venerable and Mrs Robin Ellis, of Roborough, near Plymouth, and Katharine Cecilia Jane, elder daughter of The Reverend and Mrs David Berry, of St Aidan's Vicarage. Barrow-in-Furness.

Mr B.M. Franks and Mrs A.E. Franklis The engagement is announced between Bryan Franks, of Hale, Cheshire, and Anita Franklin, of Stanmore, Middlesex.

and Miss J.E. Allan
The engagement is announced between Karl, son of the late Mr Alastair Frearson and of Mrs and Miss J.J. Mor and Miss J.J. Mor The engagement is between Mervyn, Common, Surrey, and Jessica. Common, Surrey, and Jessica, daughter of Mr and Mrs Ian Alian, of Walton-on-the-Hill, Surrey.

Mr IULF. Gardener and Miss C.M. Steep Brian E.F. Gardener, of Woodland Rise, High Wycome, Bucks, wishes to announce his engagement to Catherine, of Appledore, Addlestone, Surrey. Mr P.M. Head and Miss F.C. Barton

and Mrs Keith Head, of Melbourne, Australia, and Fiona, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs P.J. Barton, of Drayton, Oxon

Mr T.L. Ried and Miss A. Alexanian The engagement is announced between Timothy, eldest son of Major and Mrs N.L. Kind, of South Cheriton. Somerset, and Anna, only daughter of Mr and Mrs S.A. Alexanian, of Brondesbury Park, London.

Mr C.J. Merry and Miss J.C. Marshall

and Miss J.C. Marshall
The engagement is announced
between Christopher James, son
of Mr and Mrs James I. Merry,
of Bedford, and Julie Carina,
daughter of Mr Albert S.
Marshall, MBE, of the British
Embassy, Washington, DC, and
the late Mrs Joan M. Marshall. Mr A.R. Phillips and Miss L. Clayton

The engagement is announced between Allan, youngest son of Mr and Mrs R.R. Phillips, of Bath, and Lesley, daughter of Mr J. Clayton and Mrs S. Lewes, of Cheltenbaur.

and Miss S.G. Evens
The engagement is announced
between Michael, eldest son of
Mr and Mrs Alec Sandberg, of Carlyle Square, Chelsez, and Sarah, daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian Evans, of Lewes, Sussex.

Mr P. Soor and Miss K. Ayre The engagement is announced between Anthony, son of Mr P. Suor, of Kenya, and Kate, daughter of Mrs A. Ayre, of 13 Sambre Road, Chiseldon, Wilts.

Marriage

Today is the Festival of St David, patron saint of Wales. Ethiopians defeated Italians at Adowa, ending Italy's

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THE ST. GOTHARD TUNNEL

The working parties in the two sections of the St. Gothard Tunnel had this morning, at 11.15, completed 7,160 metres from the south entrance. At noon yesterday it was computed that there were still a very considerable number of metres to boss, and that the meeting from both ends would occur 40 hours later, but in the course of last night, on sounding with a long drill, it was found that the thickness of the intervening rock was only 13 metres. The news of this unlooked for consummation became speedily known, and at 10 o'clock large crowds had assembled to wait for the suspicious blast which should make of the two galleries one tunnel. At Airolo a few members of the local Landwehr, with their band, were hastily summoned, flags hoisted, and engines and wagons gaily decorated, and when the train bringing the people from Göschenen ran into the station, the tunnel being practicable for locomotives two-thirds of the

the contractor, who died six months The piercing of the longest tunnel rapidity of execution quite unprece- bestowed upon them.

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dented, for relatively to its length the St. Gothard has been bored in a fourth of the time occupied in the boring of the Hauenstein tunnel, and in less than half the time taken by the Mont Cenis. This great advance in the art of tunnel driving is due to the more extended application of machinery, and above all to the efficiency of the air compressors invented by Professor Colladon. of

dragging the wagons, but, owing to the intense heat and the closeness, the mortality among them is very great. Out of a stud of forty ten die on

an average every month.

The men work night and day in shifts of eight hours each; the labour is very trying, and they are compelled to take frequent holidays. Great circumspection has had to be ex-ercised in the admission of outsiders to the galleries as a walk of several miles in the stifling heat and vitiated atmosphere might easily prove fatal to persons with weak hearts or a tendency to congestion of the brain; and even the healthy who venture in for the first time have often occasion

to regret their temerity. The great engineering triumph of which the St. Gothard tunnel is at once the monument and the consummation, though a peaceful, has not been a bloodless one. Between 80 and 70 men have been killed by the premature explosion of mines and other mishaps, many more have been seriously injured, and those who have borne the heat and in the world has thus been achieved burden of the day are well worthy of in seven years and five months - a the medals that are about to be

The point of attack for the perforators is always the upper part of the finished tunnel of the future; the floor of the passage they clear out being afterwards blasted and wrought down by hand to the required level. The locomotives used in the tunnel are moved by compressed air, and ventilation is provided from the same source. Horses are also used for

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Until now the temples, the oldest free-standing stone monument in the world, have received the most attention. The recent work at the Brochtorff circle on Gozo is natural complex of caverns embelished by mesalithe structures.

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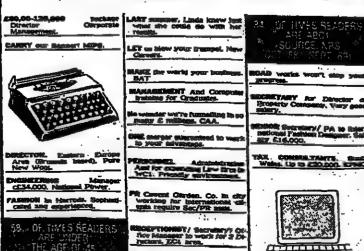
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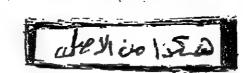
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Press-ups for the mind

Can regular mental exercising improve your intelligence? As The Times gets in shape for the 1990 Tournament of the Mind, Ruth Gledhill weighs the evidence

growing interest in "mental gymnastics" exercising the mind through solving demanding logical or numerical problems — is generating fresh debate about the value of traditional

IQ tests as a measure of intelligence. In an area that has been rife with controversy since Descartes first mooted the possibility of his own ing to increased understanding about the mechanics and abilities of the mind. Some philosophers believe the mind can be trained and improved by using logic and other

The Times Tournament of the Mind, a competition which begins next Tuesday, involves solving such problems. The aim is enjoyment, but the games can have their serious and useful sale as well.

What do we mean when we talk about the mind? Professor Mark Sainsbury, professor of philosophy at King's College, London, says: "When people in philosophy are asked about the mind they tend to give an answer in functional terms, that is, the sort of behaviour having

a mind enables you to go in for.

A very great deal of our mental life consists in solving problems. No doubt the problems in the Tournament are fairly abstract, the solutions for which are not acquired for any practical purpose

"But the logical and intuitive resources that are brought to bear on solving them may be exactly the same as those we need to solve problems where the practical upshot is more significant. There are lots of problems, from computer design through philosophical problems through management problems, which involve exactly that skill of extracting that type of information and organizing it properly."

According to directors of Britain's first "brain gymnasium" which recently opened in Wimbledon, south-west London, even well-nour-ished and logical adults can be taught to exercise the mind better, in order to ease stress and expand learning and thinking abilities.

Marketing consultant Ronald Dards, UK agent for the US-based Whole Brain Learning Institute which runs the gymnasium, says the brain can be trained "just as we can train any of our muscles so as to run faster, lift weights or climb

Some people who remain sceptical about the direct practical applications of mental puzzles support theories that nutrition can influence mental fitness. Professor



Hans Eysenck, professor of psychology at the University of London, says: "I am afraid there is no evidence that anything you do can improve the performance of the brain. The only thing that has had positive results is dietary supplements, such as minerals. People who are deficient in vitamins or minerals could increase their IQ by improving their diet. That is well established." Some scientists believe simple nutritional supplements can dramatically improve the performance of undernourished brains.

In 1987 Larkhall Laboratories of Putney, south-west London, supplied vitamin and mineral tablets for a trial among Welsh school-children. The results, published in The Lancet, suggested an increase of up to nine points in non-verbal intelligence among pupils who took them. The trial was subsequently challenged and criticized by other researchers and specialists, and in 1988, doctors at the Food and Nutritional Sciences Department of King's College, London published in the same journal the results of a similar trial among children which concluded that "no improvement in intellectual performance can be expected

However, Dr David Benton, senior lecturer in psychology at Swansea University, has now replicated the results of the original Welsh study and will present his findings to a meeting of the British Psychological Association next month. The results are that in boys who had a poor diet, defined as a diet which had fewer vitamins and minerals, there is a beneficial

response similar to the original study," he says.

The tests were carried out last

summer in Belgium with the co-operation of the University of Louvain-Bruxelles. The 103 boys and 64 girls, all aged 13, from seven schools in French and Flemishspeaking areas, recorded their diets for 15 days and took intelligence tests before and after taking supplements supplied by Cyanamid, the US drug company which financed the project. Half took the genuine pills, and half unknowingly took placebos. The 45 per cent of boys who were on a bad or deficient diet showed a substantial improvement in non-verbal intelligence. For some reason not yet fully understood, girls on a deficient diet failed to show a similar improvement.

Dr Benton, anxious to avoid the criticisms levelled at the original study, is reluctant to conjecture on the implications for children worldwide. "The problem is that the need for minerals and vitamins is a very personal thing. A stressful week, or medication, might make a person need more. There is no doubt that in the group in Wales and the group in Belgium, vitamin and mineral supplements had an effect. What is uncertain is how general this effect would be, and how important it is."

Alcohol also has an effect on intelligence. Dr Sidney Rosalki, consultant in chemical pathology and human metabolism at the Royal Free Hospital, London, said research published in the British Medical Journal showed a relationship between even moderate drinking and mental impairment. "Seven

studies have found correlations between indices of alcohol consumption and measures of cognitive function among mod-erate drinkers," Dr Rosalki says. Most of the studies involved the ability to deal with abstract problems, problem solving and memory tests. Hand and mind co-ordination was also impaired.

Another study, in Australia, fol-lowed up 26 light to moderate drinkers who abstained for six months. The memories and verbal performance IQs of all 26 improved, although this might have been partly due to the improvements sometimes effected by the practice of intelligence tests. r Rosalki explains that

alcohol is normally oxidized in the liver and as a result of oxidation forms chemicals, including acetaldehyde, which circulate in the blood and can reach the brain. The acetaldehyde in large quantities can damage cell membranes. Alcohol can also impair the absorption and metabolism of vitamins, in particular Vitamin Bl, which is important for the function of brain

Dr Rosalki says that a minimum alcohol intake of 50g a day appears to be needed before structural in the brain can be observed, but other effects such as mental impairment can be observed at much lower intakes; drinking just three or four units a day could result in minor impairments to mental processes. There are 8g of alcohol to a unit, which is equivalent to a 40z glass of wine, half a pint of normal-

strength beer, or a single whisky.
Professor Stephen Rose, director
of the Open University brain and behaviour research group, says: "Like many things, intelligence is hard to define, but easy to see when you observe it. At the moment I am watching my Burmese cat performing extremely intelligent behaviour. It is rather exquisitely picking up my pens, trying to write with them and then knocking them off the bench on which I am working."

The work his cat was interrupting is a highly technical scientific paper, the fruits of 10 years' work funded by the Medical Research Council and the Science Research Council, which he presented to the Cajal brain institute in Madrid yesterday, and which discloses new results of how a learning experience changes the biochemistry of the brain.

"The human brain is composed of about 10,000 million nerve cells, each of which connects with others. When learning takes place, some connections get strengthened and others weakened. The way to improve performance in intelligence tests such as the Tournament would be to practise similar tests and strengthen the relevant mental connections. People who want to be good at puzzles and crosswords have to learn how to do them."

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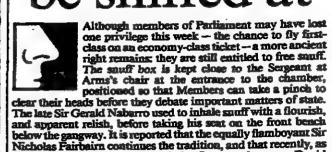
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The late Sir Gerald Nabarro used to inhale souff with a flourish, and apparent relish, before taking his seat on the front beach below the gangway. It is reported that the equally flamboyant Sir Nicholas Fairbairn continues the tradition, and that recently, as he was doing so, he showered the fine powder over David Blunkett's luckless guide-dog, Uffa, who responded, as all inexperienced snuff takers do, by explosive sneezing.

The Government has recently had to decide whether taking snuff is a harmless, if eccentric, reminder of an earlier age, or whether it is a dangerous habit, likely to be exploited by the tobacco industry as an alternative outlet for their products as smoking becomes less fashionable. Notwithstanding the strong protests from American politicians representing tobaccoprotests from American politicians representing tobacco growing states, it has to some extent compromised and decided that the medical case against some forms of snuff-taking is strong, therefore from this month it has banned, under consumer protection legislation, the sale of oral snuff — but not, Sir Nicholas will be pleased to learn, of masal snuff.

An editorial in the British Medical Journal has recently reviewed the use of snuff as a cigarette substitute. Snuff is classified medically as a smokeless tobacco. There are two forms of oral smokeless tobacco, chewing tobacco and oral snuff. Chewing tobacco, which is coarse, has to be chewed vigorously before it is spat out, a ritual that is unlikely to help it make a popular comeback. On the other hand the habit of taking oral snuff has spread rapidly in

America, particularly among younger people, and especially those who already smoke cigarettes. It can be either dry or moist, and is held between the gum and cheek so that no chewing is necessary. Its recent surge in popularity has been due to its marketing in a sort of tea bag, as Skoal Bandits, as these removed much of the messiness of the habit, but delivered just as much nicotine to the blood stream as cigarettes

As with cigarettes, addiction occurs. Oral snuff contains an appreciable quantity of the carcinogenic substance nitro soanine, which is presumably a factor in the number of cases of cancer of the mouth which have been reported by the International Agency of Cancer Research, the United States department of health and the World Health Organization, to have been related to oral snuff-taking. In South East and Central Asia, where tobacco chewing is common, mouth cancers are frequently found, with their position often coinciding with the spot where the quid had been customarily held against the cheek

Sniffing snuff seems safer. Although tobacco-taking is related to cancer of the throat and gullet, taking is related to cancer of the throat and gullet, the association is less clear with the nose and post-natal sinuses. Some authors even claim that there is no relationship. But as the inhalation of other carcinogenic material, such as hardwood dust by carpenters, definitely causes nasopharygeal cancer (tumours which grow in the cavities in and behind the nose), it would seem to be unlikely that snuff-taking was entirely without risk. Even so, Sir Nicholas and the whips can in all probability be reassured the occasional pinch of snuff is unlikely to precipitate a busilection in Perth pinch of snuff is unlikely to precipitate a by-election in Perth

and Kinross or elsewhere. Nuclear families other trades. Concorde flight



In his BMJ relink between. Seliafield who developed

leukaemia or lymphoma, a malignant disease of the lymphatic system (best known as Hodgkin's disease), and the degree of exposure to radiation which their fathers had suffered while at work at the plant. The research was not unnaturally extremely disturbing to those fathers who had suffered total radiation doses of more than 100 millisieverts in the six months before their wives conceived. The annual legal limit at the moment is 50msv, and the recommended limit of the National Radiological Protection Board is 15msv in any one year. The chance of children of men from these two high-risk groups at Sellafield developing leukac-mia or lymphoma was shown by Prof Gardener to be in-

creased sixfold, whereas other workers, or residents in the area, seemed to be safe. There was some suggestion from the statistics that it might be unwise to eat the local shell-The extra dose which most

of the workers in nuclear plants receive is smaller than that experienced in several

crews, for instance, may well have a total annual body port, Professor radiation dose up to five times
Martin Gard- that of the typical Sellafield ner clearly worker, or over 10 times that of one from Dounreay. The radiation which flight crews young people at .on subsonic aircraft suffer annually is appreciably greater than that experienced by Dounreay workers, but rather less than that faced by those at Sellafield.

Pulse magazine highlights the contradiction between the now accepted association between the amount of exposure to radiation and the risk of having a child with leukaemia and the lack of any such link in the 7,000 men who were millisieverts in any one year followed up in Japan after or had had more than 10 they had suffered much larger radiation doses as a result of the atomic bombing. The authors conclude that a single large exposure is less likely to cause a gene mutation than smaller doses repeated over a period of time, resulting in unacceptably large accumulated exposure.

Pulse also raises the worrying thought that when parental mice have been experimentally exposed to X-rays, any inheritable tumours induced were found not only in the first generation but in the second, too. There is, fortunately, no certainty that men and mice will behave in the same way, but only time will show the extent of any damage which has been done by radiation at Sellafield succeeding generations.

We are leaving for Tibet on April 24; we'll be there for six weeks, of which four weeks will be in the field, in

the middle of unknown mountains. There's just two of us going, which makes health particularly important - if one of us goes sick, it really kiboshes it for everyone.

I have basically got good health, and I think I slightly take it for granted. I don't hyper-train, but I keep a reasonable level of filmess throughout the year. I go running, walking or climbing most days when I am at home. My wife is vegetarian, so at

home we are totally vegetarian. When I am away I am a bit of an omnivore, but I have reduced my meat diet considerably. On the traditional expedition one tends to have an awful lot of freeze-dried foods, which I find I like less and less. So at base camp, on

What to eat in high society

the approach, I try to use local food — but rice and dahl, not

Actually on the climb, where weight is at a premium, you need a high carbohydrate diet, so breakfast would probably be muesli. During the day we cat handfuls of nuts, a bit of chocolate, and the evening meal would be soup and then usually mashed potato powder made into mashed potato with cheese or tinned fish, or precooked rice.

The high carbohydrate content gives you instant energy. You don't need much in the way of protein because you don't absorb it well at altitude, and you can make up your protein when you get back down to base camp. You have to drink a lot because you When you are sweating a lot, your time, so you move up





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dehydrate a great deal - you have to drink seven or eight pints a day. The other thing which is very useful on the mountain is mineral replace-Some of them are very tasty.

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which you are at altitude, and drinking snow water, which has a very low mineral content, you really need these. Altitude has a generally ments, which athletes use, debilitating effect. To become acclimatized you have to take

The trouble is, once you are at about 18-19,000ft, your body is actually deteriorating, and at 24,000ft it is deteriorating very fast. You just get tireder and tireder and you don't recover when you are fatigued, so you have to hit a balance between becoming steadily acclimatized and not being up too high for too long. One of the other things that

gradually. The thing to do is to sleep quite low, then go high.

happens is that the blood creates more red blood cells to cater for the lack of oxygen in the air. In some people, the body goes over the top and creates a dangerous number of red blood cells. The blood gets very thick and can start clotting and if a clot occurs in your heart, it could cause a heart attack, or in your brain it

I am 55, and I am going to keep on climbing at least for another 10 or 15 years. You suddenly realize it is finite as you get over 50, but at the same time I think it is amazing how long you can keep climbing at a good level.

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has spronted to house the black élite of doctors, lawyers and businessmen. There is even an emerging class of "buppies", or black upwardly mobile professionals. Will the more prosperous blacks choose to stay, or move out when they have the chance? Beeston has some surprising

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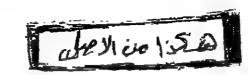
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Peter Ackroyd reviews the writings of a liberal intellectual who hitched himself and his devotion to a literary star

conard Woolf was no great figure in history. It might even be said that he did nothing but marry well, and that his union with Virginia Stephen catapulted him to an eminence that his merits did not justify. Yet this would soem true only in hindsight, at a time when he has become another passenger in that Bloomsbury vehicle which once had all the makings of a juggernaut. Certainly it was not the case during the formative years of his own life, and it ought not to be the case now unless, that is, we prefer to discount those whose scepticism and independence left them outside the conventional pantheon of 20th-century cultural heroes.

He was born in 1880 and his qualities of "detachment, stoicism, and bemused wonder", to quote his editor, were cultivated early within his liberal Jewish family; but his real life, and his first letters here, began with his arrival at Cambridge. In a sense his was the usual undergraduate correspondence, concerned with last things and hardly bothering with first. He was coming to maturity at the beginning of a new century, and yet what is most striking is his angry depression of his letters to England seem often

LETTERS OF LEONARD WOOLF **Edited by Frederic Spotts** (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £30)

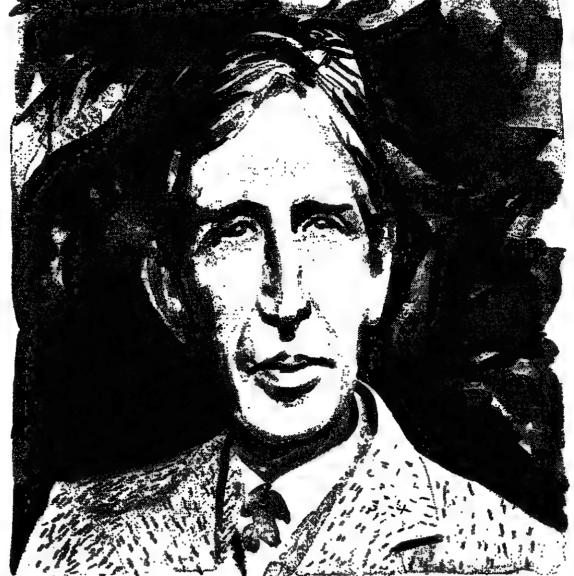
spirit; like many of his youthful contemporaries, he seemed already to have lived for a thousand years (some of them, like Lytton Strackey, even looked as if they had done so). In fact it is sometimes difficult to remember what an unhappy period early manhood can be, when all the hopes and dreams of adolescence are crushed by the weight of the world - which in Leonard Woolf's case meant the weight of Ceylon, to which country he was dis-

patched after Cambridge. Here he became what Mr Spotts calls a "model imperialist"; and what emerges in this volume is the immense range of activities which, as a graduate in his twenties, he was compelled to undertake. He was administering justice, organizing taxes, supervising hangings, in what he described as his combined role of "policeman. magistrate, judge, and publican". It was a brutal, relentless life, and

to be the only straw that prevents him from sinking into depression. "I am done for as regards England," he wrote. "I shall live and die in these appalling countries

But he was not done for. He was just beginning. During a year's leave in England he proposed to Virginia Stephen, thus embarking upon a marriage that saved him from the life of an embittered administrator at the same time as it rescued Virginia Stephen herself. As Alix Strachey wrote, "I am sure that he was the only person who could have kept her going," and, in Leonard Woolf's own letters to his wife, he speaks continually of being drafted into her "service". That hits the right note - his bopeless love for her, and his constant concern for her welfare, made him her devotee in

the tradition of courtly love. It was a wonderful marriage, a true union, and the day before Virginia Woolf committed suicide she told a friend that "Tve been so very happy with Leonard". The next day he found her walking stick floating in the river. But he was - or at least he became much more than just Virginia Woolf's husband. He was already a successful publisher and literary



editor, in any case, and had the distinction of helping to introduce both T.S. Eliot and Sigmund Freud to the more discriminating sections of the English public. His

ing, that the conditions of publish-

ing have not remarkably changed: in 1935 he was complaining that "the publishers and booksellers between them are destroying the sale of books other than bestsellers". In another letter he went on to proclaim that "if I had not

been a socialist before, publishing would surely have made me one". Which in turn leads to the question of Woolf's political be-liefs. He was a socialist, a sceptic, a liberal atheist, an internationalist – perhaps T. S. Eliot was thinking

GLYNN BOYD HARTE

character that he never noticed Eliot's anti-Semitism. Of course, socialism is not now fashionable; but, compared with such horrors as Thomas Balogh and Kingsley Martin, Leonard Woolf emerges as very model of common sense and decency. He was not a dupe of Soviet Communism, at least, and his defence of "individual liberty as a political ideal" is not likely to date as quickly as his letters on the League of Nations. is later years were spent preserving Virginia Woolf's reputation and memorializing his own life. For much of the time, in fact, he

of him when he deplored the presence of "free-thinking Jews" in any culture, although it is a mark of Leonard Woolf's sometimes strangely impersonal

felt it necessary to defend Bloomsbury against what he considered to be unjust or malicious attacks. Why in fact Bloomsbury was (and is) so often an object of derision is a difficult subject — it seems most likely that it springs from the English distate for groups of any kind, particularly groups of writers, and especially groups of writers who come from what might be seen as a privileged class. Such things smack to the English of cliqueism and pernicious selfregard; although, on the evidence of this correspondence, these are two vices of which Leonard Woolf can readily be acquitted. A little cold, perhaps, and just a trifle dull. But that is all. In fact his invariable modesty (surely an extension of his fatalism) means that, unlike many writers, he did not address his letters to posterity rather than to his ostensible correspondent: as a result he emerges as a much more honest man than many of his contemporaries, and posterity itself, if it pays any attention at all, may judge him more kindly for it.

A Romance of Literary Crit

ost bookstalls have a shelf bulging with shopping-'n'-bonking blockbusters with one word titles by women writers: fat books that might well be called Passession. Antonia Byatt's latest novel, though, is subtitled "A Romance": so perhaps it belongs with Barbara Cartland and Mills & Boon? In fact this intelligent, literary, and ambitious thriller will take its place alongside The Name of the Rose and Waterland as Umberto Eco's scholarly monk and Graham Swift's history teacher are joined by another unconventional type of matural detective", the literary

Possession is the story of two academics, Roland Mitchell and lives of two Victorian poets: the spiritualist intellectual Christabel LaMotte and the Darwinist agnostic Randolph Henry Ash. There are lots of self-referring literary jokes in here, as the hitherto undiscovered relationship between two poets (invented by A. S. Byatt) is revealed through correspondence, poems and journals (written by A. S. Byatt) by two academics (also invented by A. S.

Her fictive literary critics are in the grip of mystery fever, and with mippets of direct narration and a web of implicit legendary parallels, Byatt makes very sure that her flesh and blood reader is equally entranced by Christabel and Ash. On a different level of fictional unreality, the reader focutes in on the relationship betwoen our anti-hero, the dull unemployed postgraduate, and our heroine, the beautiful, unapproachable feminist. Haunted claustrophobic affairs in strophobic rooms, Roland and Maud are united in their quest to find the truth, drawn together by a longing for coherence and for clean white beds, by a distrust of

love and a distrust of their For theirs is a world of naked, if scholarly, ambition; a world in

which historic documents may be

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acquired by market forces but more effectively by theft. It is a world dominated by American invaders: firstly by the un-scrupulous Professor Cropper, a fanatical accumulator of history and of pornography, who dresses in black silk and drives a blackwindowed Mercedes. And sec-ORCHY DY professor with bouncing breasts and a boundless appetite for meaty men and meatier women, who thinks of landscapes in terms of female orifices and dreams of Cropper in terms of murder. The musty British academics, weighed down by inadequacy, bulky bo-soms, and dust, are at a distinct disadvantage.

Possession is written by a scholar about scholars researching scholars. Historical fact is woven with literary references, fiction with faction. Byatt entwines the wit of a satirist with the philosophical preoccupations of a root-less, godless 20th-century writer. She combines the drive of the thriller with the measured exploration of human nature more normally associated with the 19thcentury novel, and throughout she threads the poetry and passion of

"romance". Possession races to a riotous final scene of storms and graveyards, and finishes with a sentimental wish-fulfilling postscript. Antonia Byatt is, herself, a cunning literary critic. By subtitling her work "A Romance" she deflects the accusations of selfindulgence that such an ending might provoke from literary critics. "Possession, ladies and gentlemen of the jury, could have no

SATURDAY Glendinning on

murderers' talk, Archbishop Ramsey, Miles Davis, the Dieppe Raid, thrillers, South African fiction, and poetry | fluence of Greek culture upon the

Susan Crumly has an abortion because her husband wants her to, A month later she has her hair cut short because he doesn't want her to. It's a toss-up which causes their marriage more damage.

Not that it ever looked like a union made in heaven. Michael Crumly, upwardly mobile, a freecrumly, upwartry income, a lance graphic designer who loves ledgers, is the product of a miserable working-class childhood - largely, it must be said, of his own creation. Susan, cossetted only child of successful middleclass parents, met him when he came to work for her father. Five years into marriage, she has a job in the typing pool of a finance company, just to get out of the

Michael isn't sure about it. In fact there's very little Michael is sure about these days, except that he hates disorder and is afraid of well, more and more things. He needs Susan to be where he can see her, though he no longer wants to touch. His business too now bores him. He still has the studio, but when he sits at the drawing board, all he can produce are distorted visions of Susan - poshorn. His ambivalence about her life in the City is rapidly turning into something more sinister. She notices him spying on her at work from across the road, and is pretty sure he has been searching through her wardrobe. When she goes away, he rings her on the flimsiest of pretexts, then behaves outrageously when they take a holiday

to see if they can sort things out. Jealousy degenerates into obession. Michael is his own Iago; Susan, finally tiring of the Desde-

Losing marbles and marriage

FICTION

John Nicholson

HOWLING AT THE

MOON

By Paul Sayer Constable, £10.95

TRIANGLES

By Andrea Newman

Michael Joseph, £12.99

ABERCROMBIES

AUNT

By Jan Webster

Hale, £10.95

McX

By Todd McEwen

mona role, se-duces the husband of an old friend. It's an affair of no consequence, and anyway occurs long after Michael has lost his grip on reality. Paul Sayer's first novel The

Comforts of Madness suffled a few feathers in Hampstead by winning not only the Constable Trophy for Fiction but also two Whitbread awards in

1988. Didn't the fellow know that unknowns don't carry off major literary prizes, especially when they're employed as psychiatric nurses in obscure hospitals in the North of England?

Sadly, Howling At the Moon isn't really a significant advance on its predecessor. Mr Sayer provides another shattering insight into the world of the insane. He also writes pleasantly enough. But the characters here are close to being stereotypes, and I'm afraid there's nothing in the book's

rative development to match its stature as a piece of clinical documentation.

Ouasi-clinical documentation of a much less demanding kind is Andrea Newman's forte. Thanks to her successes on television Bouquet Barbed Wire and A Sense of Guilt), all the world now knows that Miss

Newman is a one-woman research unit dedicated to describing the socio-sexual mores of her own species - late 20th-century subcategory womanhood,

British/middle class/divorced. Triangles is a collection of short stories about threesomes, There's a lot of sex, some love, jealousy inevitably. The significant characters are all women, and very few of them achieve more than transitory satisfaction from the overcrowded muddles they get themselves into. And yet the book never becomes

boring. Miss Newman is a resourceful plotter who has obviously seen a thing or two. She would no doubt make an excellent Agony Aunt had she not found an even more profitable furrow along which to steer her plough. She is a funny, thoughtful, at times very erotic writer, who deserves her

Jan Webster's short stories also have their admirers. Hers is a more restrained. Scottish vision of the times we live in, but it is not without edge or humour. The eponymous Abercrombie's Annt for example is not the tightly buttoned Presbyterian paragon her nephew has always taken her for. Less raunchy than Andrea Newman she may be, but Miss Webster can ferret out foibles from the most unlikely sources small Scottish towns, Morris dancing teams in Middle England, even among DHSS inspectors.

McX is Californian Todd Me-

Ewen's second novel. I fear it may well be his last, unless he rapidly acquires more respect for his adopted country Scotland. McX is a malodorous, malevolent inspector of Weights and Measures in Fife, who spends most of his waking hours propping up the bar of the Auld Licht in the company of his hideous pal McPint. They survive on a diet of beer, peanuts, and pornography, and are presented as typical representatives of a nation crippled by Calvinism and anal retention. This may well be so. However, the Scots, though professional masochists to a man (and a woman for that matter), much prefer to be chastized by

their own kind and race.

NEW HARDBACKS

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books:

The Age of Parody, Despatches from the 80s, by Philip Norman (Hamish Hamilton, £13.99) Witty pieces. Britishs end the War of Words in Neutral Europe, 1939-45, The Art of the Possible, by Robert Cole (Macmillan, £35) Propaganda of assorted colours to neutrals. Britain on the Breadline, A Social and Political History of Britain Between the Wars, by Keith Laybourn (Alan Sutton, £16.95) Illustrated sociology. East Anglie, edited by Miles Jebb (Barrie & Jenkins with The National Trust, £15.95) New series of literary anthologies. Gerard Manley Hopkins, Selected Letters, edited by Catherine Phillips (Oxford, £30).

Lady Heater Stanhope, Queen of the Desert, by Virginia Childs (Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £16.95) Pioneer of the great Brit lady travellers and her own woman. The History of the English Puppet Theatre, by George Speaight (Robert Hale, £15.95) Updates on ancient minitheatre. Navies and Armies, The Anglo-Dutch Relationship in War and Peace, 1688-1988, ed. by G. J. A. Raven & N. A. M. Rodger (John Donald, £20) Defence. The Oxford Companion to the Canadian Theatre, edited by Eugene Benson and L. W. Conolly (Oxford, £30) Exhaustive. Sex & Death in Victorius Literature, edited by Regina Barreca (Macmillan, £35) Essays from diverse disciplines and academic points of view.

Pandora on the box

reck Fire is a substance said to have been invented by Greeks of the late Byzantine era which could burn under water. True or not, as an image it serves the purposes of this book excellently. Classical Greek culture lives on, however alien and bostile its environment.

Greek Fire is also the title of a 10-part Channel 4 series which is due to burst on to our screens on March 15. Taplin was the programme's consultant, but though the book has 10 sections, each representing one of the grammes, Taplin has paid little attention to the show, which experience suggests will be a catastrophe anyway.

Taplin's book is only partly about the ancient Greek achievement. He has thankfully avoided the trep of simply trotting out all the Greek "firsts" for us to admire, as if that concluded the argument about their importance (he is not in the prize-giving business, and Greeks are only interesting if they have interesting things to say), and concentrates his attention instead on the in**Peter Jones**

GREEK FIRE By Oliver Taplin Channel 4 Books/Cape. £14.95

western, especially the Englishspeaking, world, particularly dur-ing the last 300 years. Each chapter combines elucidation of important ideas and attitudes generated by the ancient Greeks with discussion of their later uses and reinterpretation, but selectivity is the order of the day. As Taplin says at one stage (with a certain amount of relief, I imagine, since he is facing the oeuvre of Aristotle): "There is simply not room for me to pursue everything."

hus, for example, in the chapter on myth, Taplin begins by emphasizing myth's flexibility. There are versions of the Oedipus myth in which Oedipus does not blind himself, nor go into exile, and Jocasia does not hang herself. He then glances at the Middle Ages, Monterverdi, Purcell, Gluck, and Offenbach, and looks more closely at Rilke's Orpheus (1907), whose Eurydice did not know that he was attempting to rescue her, Jean Cocteau, for whom Orpheus is a go-between for humanity, and Harrison Birtwhistle (1986) whose opera (suggestively) started life as Faust. Taplia then briefly discusses the influence of Frazer's Golden Bough - which "released [myth] from the tameness of mere decoration" and emphasized its darker, irrational elements - and looks in detail at some interpretations of Oedipus: that of Freud (1856-1937), who thought myths, like dreams, were a coded expression of the unconscious, of Cocteau again, who saw in Oedipus a paradigm of the way in which infernal gods work to

destroy us, and of others. Taplin

then considers Jung's response to

myth: it presents us with the dark,

irrational side of our existence which we must then fight to

subdue,

The above summary gives some idea of the strengths and weaknesses of the book. Taplin the scholar battles with Taplin the popularizer, and the combination of light skipping which some-times turns into little more than a list of people influenced by Greeks, various degrees of generalization, and relatively detailed examination of particular issues, leaves the book somewhat lopsided and with a tendency to generate more questions than it answers. But I am not sure what other option there is: too much detail would swamp the book, generalization is of its essence, and the lists of names at least give a chance to explore further.

The scope of Taplin's book is very large. Chapters cover tragedy, aesthetics, sex, science, philosophy, politics (especially democracy), architecture, and war as well as myth, and unevenness is inevitable. But Greeks leap out in the most surprising places (I had never heard of the exotic Sukia, a Milanese strip [sic in both senses] carroon heroine who found herself being seduced by one of the Riace bronzes, the brazen hussy), and the illustrations are fabulous, if not always apposite ("More particle tracks from CERN").

Taplin's heady book is deeply personal, rich in ideas, inventive in the directions it takes, and never less than contemporary. His inexhaustible enthusiasm will surely persuade many who have never taken the Greeks seriously to look afresh at this remarkable people, and their astonishing and challengingly subversive achievements. Meanwhile, on March 15, all good men and true will be gingerly peering out through their fingers from behind the sofa at the banalities to be visited upon us by the Masters With The 22-Inch Mentalities. I suggest they have their Taplins at hand ready to chuck at the little screen

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A matter of dying

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The BBC television schedulers are a rum and unfathomable lot, filling their Wednesday evenings with junk shows like Dallas, for which most of the cast now seem to have risen especially if uneasily from the grave, or else screening aged re-runs of Pennies from Heaven while banishing major new documentary series to the grim wastelands of the carly afternaon. lands of the early afternoon.

caster Martyn Lewis started a six-programme sequence called Living With Dying, which examined the last great taboo in our society, that of death itself, and our willingness to make any but the most cursory of prepara-

The idea of a death workshop may sound macabre enough, but for Christianne Heal — who runs them as a kind of therapy for those who have watched coffins going into the ground or the flames — the chance to talk about it is actually very welcome at a time when society is still unwilling to discuss death only in the vaguest of terms. Lewis also found people who have put off making their wills, for

reasons ranging from superstition to inefficiency, and found time to warn those living in gay or lesbian relationships to be especially careful about protecting partners who will have no legal rights in the event of a sudden death without a

proper will.

While Q.E.D. (BBC 1) suiffed around the Rotterdam police discovery that criminals can now be traced through their under-arm deodorants, or rather the lack thereof, Autenna (BBC 2) looked at the continuing reluctance of seat-belt wearers to become better drivers. Those who wear them now drive more dangerously in the belief that they are especially protected, while the more that pedestrians are herded into underground safety tunnels, the more they are inclined to run across motorways in search of a short cut.

Over on Channel 4, the arts programme Signals continues to Drove week after week how wawise the network is to be closing it down after only two years. Last night's survey of how the big auction houses now dictate all trends in the painting world was one that Omnibus or the South Bank Show at their couniderable best would have

been proud to network. Lords Carrington and Gowrie, on behalf of their respective Sotheby's and Christies empires, held up well against some vociferous critics, but we were left in no doubt that art is now more of a commerce than a calling.

Genius among the skeletons

urgently need to discover another great composer. Go back 50 years, and the ideal of a fine orchestral concert might be Toscanini conducting Beethoven, or Bruno Walter conducting Mozart. Now, as the original-in-nument enembles door classical repertory persistently and persuasively, Mozart and even Beethoven are increasingly deemed "off limits" to the symphony orchestras.

Go back 15 years, and the symphonic world was crazy about Mahler. His music was noisy and rich in angst. marvellous for record companies wanting to show off their latest audio technology and conductors keen to flaunt their choreographic virility. Mahler gave music critics the chance to play at being psycho-analysts, and vice versa. He wrote tunes, but had interesting modern hangups — a marketing man's dream.

But our concert halls and record catalogues have become saturated with Mahler. It is the Casablanca syndrome: you do not actually need to see the film, because you can replay all the scenes in your head. The problem is, when people start replaying Mahler in their heads, a great many musicians will be out of a job.

Bruckner was once thought a suitable alternative, but he led too blameless a life to grip the fevered modern imagination. More to the point, his music sent audiences to sleep. The neurotic and grandiose Elgar would be perfect, except that his appeal seems to stop at Dover. Tchaikovsky is considered too hackneyed; Bartok, Stravinsky and the other 20th-century giants still do not guarantee big enough

What the orchestras need is a composer born in the late 19th century who wrote brilliantly colourful music, surging with Romantic passion and magnificent tunes, yet also containing some promising enigmas.

A composer who comes complete with a cupboard of skeletons to excite the prurient a tortured homosexual in an unsympathetic climate; an aristocrat given a rough ride in a revolutionary age, a spendthrift frittering away a fortune on a complex private life; an academic executing some classic back-stabbing manoeuvres on colleagues; a man, lame from childhood, doomed by tuberculo-sis to an early grave. In short, they need Karol Szymanowski.

Or so the South Bank Centre believes. This Saturday, it launches a three-month concert series entitled "Poland's last romantic:

Richard Morrison explains why the South Bank is suddenly interested in a little

known composer with a spicy background called





The symphonic world was crazy about Gustav Mahler (above): will Szymanowski (right), with his mysterious past, be a worthy successor?

The inspiration of Karol Szymanowski". To describe a man who died in 1937 as Poland's last romantic suggests that someone at the Festival Hall has never met any Poles. But the enterprise should not be mocked: it will give Szymanowski's symphonies, concertos, songs, chamber music and his mystical opera King Roger their greatest exposure ever. If he has not caught the hearts and minds of London music-lovers by June, he never will.

The South Bank, in conjunction with Sony, has even produced a free "sampler" cassette, a promotional tape which the box office is giving away to whet the punters' appetites. "We feel that the music will sell itself when people get a chance to hear it," says the South Bank's director of marketing Mike McCart - clearly one of nature's optimists.

One hopes he is right, because the figure of Szymanowski con-

stitutes an unlikely but crucial test for what might grandly be called the "South Bank philosophy". At the Festival Hall, they believe that a journey of adventure and discovery lies waiting for audiences, if only they have the nerve to sample hitherto unexplored pockets of repertoire. This is what the newly chosen resident orchestra is supposed to do.

n alternative philosophy, more cynical and gloomy, has already been adopted de facto by the multinational record companies. It is that any classical music worth discovering has already been discovered, performed, recorded, and probably emblazoned on the front of Tshirts too. So the future consists of endlessly repeated cycles of a static repertoire, varied only by increasingly microscopic differences in interpretation, and by

the amount of crass hype bestowed upon pretty teenage prodi-

gies masquerading as virtuosi. So can Szymanowski pull it off for the South Bank idealists? A glowing endorsement from his own countrymen may not be the most objective assessment, but it

Witold Lutoslawski, generally considered the finest present-day Polish composer, told *The Times*: When I was 11, I heard for the first time Szymanowski's Third Symphony. For me, it was as if a gate had been opened into a fantastic garden, unknown to me before. Afterwards I ran home and spent days trying to recapture those sounds on the piano. It was as though I had been drugged, and for several weeks I went around in a state of shock."

Another present-day Polish composer, Andrzej Panufnik, recalled that Szymanowski took on

"the task of trying single-handedly to bring the excessively backward Polish school of composition up to date". To achieve that, he did admittedly include in a magpiclike tendency to borrow other composer's styles. That probably accounts for one's feeling of familiarity, even when listening to a Szymanowski score for the first time: the mystic eastacy pinched from Scriabin, the luscious orches-tral effects from Strauss, the

sophisticated treatment of folk-

songs learnt from Stravinsky, and

Nevertheless, in his best works the Stabat Mater, the violin concertos and King Roger — Szymanowski grips the listener's attention superbly, with or without a little help from his firends. Having the misfortune to be born in the same year as Stravinsky and Kodály, he was overshadowed even in his own centenary year. Perhaps his time has finally come.

Sent on eagle's wings

CONCERT **Hilary Finch**

RPO/Temirkanov Barbican

One of Tchaikovsky's earliest birthday presents, in the year of the 150th anniversary of his birth, was Evgeny Kissin's performance on Tuesday of his First Piano Concerto. It may well also turn out to be one of the best.

The 19-year-old Moscow-born planist takes a Herculean view of the work. It begins, perhaps, with a determination to compensate for his own diminuitive physical presence: the whole body is put deliberately and highly effectively into action to power the massive opening chords; the entire spinal column and balance of the legs determines the weight and clarity

of his springing octaves. But it goes much further than mere physical prowess. Indeed, albeit a marvellous one, of a reading which was as big in its thinking, as long-sighted in its goals and as sure of its structural framework as the work itself. Kissin's is the sort of playing that convinces the listener (perhaps even deceptively so) of the right-

headedness of the work. There are, for instance, the chains of sequences taking off with eagles' wings; there is the con-fidence with which the piano takes the lead without ever needing to drive the development forward; and there is the instinctive understanding of the closed, obsessive quality of much of the rhythmic writing in the concerto's slow

The cods, above all, vindicated Kissin's approach. His achievement, under the sympathetic baton of Yuri Temirkanov, was to find its exact proportion in terms of pace, weight and timbre: the balance was precisely struck, the evolution of the entire work

Kissin's playing seemed, in turn, to stimulate many of the orchestra's own soloists. There were some particularly fine flute phrasings, which went on to be the glory of the extracts from Act II of

Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker. Temirkanov is at his best as a man of the theatre, and the physical delight in the rhythms and movement of this music was communicated irresistibly to his

Fright at the opera

OPERA Adrian Dannatt

Die Meistersinger Théâtre Châtelet

The roll-call of controversial Wagner productions is only matched by the cat-calls of the Parisian audience, and the two have come together, explosively, with this new production. It is a long time since this reviewer has enjoyed the frisson of so many whistles, boos and shouts of "merde!" in the middle of the music, or witnessed that historical rarity, a genuine punch-up in the stalls.

Nobody doubted the vocal splendours of José van Dam as Sachs, Lucia Popp as Eva, or the gutsy musical direction of Marek Janowski. The outrage belongs entirely to Claude Régy, with his singular interpretation of the work. Far from assuming, as the rest of the world does, that Die Meistersinger is Wagner's com-edy, Régy has discovered it as a dark, mysterious tragedy.

Like all revisionist directors, he had in-depth research and source material to back up his interpretation. But though Meistersinger is undoubtedly a darker piece than usually played, Regy's symbolism is often ludicrously over-the-top. If the ritualistic, quasi-fascistic masculinity of the master singers themselves is well emphasized by the gravity of the production, other subtleties of tone are lost.

dark ages, complete with crucifixion, rain and fire. Roberto contains the action within a giant cube, with everyone dressed in shades of Luftwaffe grey, apart from Sachs. There is also much nudity, enormous chains, an outsized skull, and stone tablets carried on and off stage, accompa-nied by an huge gold throne and silver ladder.

The lighting and sets are excep-tionally beautiful, with an austere sophistication guaranteed to infuriate those expecting doublets, hose and tankards of frothing jollity. The final scene, with the spotlit throne against an endlessly receding vista of stairway and massed choirs of grey, matches the grandeur of the music with an

awe-inspiring power. Such a bare production, abstract as music itself, rather than diverting attention from the opera. places an unusual emphasis upon the music and singing to the exclusion of all else, an emphasis rewarded here.

may look, it has precious little drama on it between the symbolic high-points. Act III undoubtably drags, and Régy's tendency to build every act to a climax of visual effects leaves their opening hour or so with little relief. Perhaps this opera cannot bear

But however dramatic the stage

the weight of so much heavyhanded symbolism, and perhaps Regy's interpretation is open to accusations of over-intellectualization. But this Meistersinger is worth more than screams of derision. Indeed, for those who do not favour on-stage funny-stuff it is a welcome relief, proof that a touch of seriousness need not be fatal. All Regy has to do now is produce The Ring as a Student Regy has turned the opera into a Prince tavern romp, and his vast hymn to the Judao-Christian notoriety will be assured.

Stubbled thrasher

ROCK Jasper Rees

Lloyd Cole Hammersmith Odeon

"Talk among yourselves for a moment," said Lloyd Cole in performance at the Hammersmith Odeon. He might have added while I play a few thrash metal numbers from my new album". All artists like a change of direction. but not all their fans do.

In the days when Cole used to

wear his brain on his sleeve, he was called an adolescent show-off. It would appear that he has taken the ribbing to heart. Having retained only keyboardist Blair Cowan from the Commotions the Scottish band with whom he made three very presentable, if undergraduatish albums — and replaced them with a five-strong crew of more hard-edged musicians he picked up in New York (including Matthew Sweet on bass and Robert Quine on lead guitar), Cole seems determined to play the post-pimple rocker.

There is no harm done in his trying to look the part (enter stubble, shades and floppy bob), but when he tries to sound the part things go wrong (exit melodic subtlety of old).

More than once he definatly ntroduced songs as ones that he liked even if 20 one else did ("what the hell - it's my concert"), and he avoided one of the favourites that



Lloyd Cole: post-pimple rocker

most of the audience encored him

for ('I'm not gonna play all of 'em"), choosing instead to exit on "Mercy Killing", which is not much more than a dense cluster of decibels. To quote Cole against himself, he seemed to be cutting off his nose to spite his face. If he failed to end with "Forest Fire", at least he opened with

"Perfect Skin", into which he segued after a short sharp cover of Paul McCartney's "Why Don't We Do It In The Road". Pumpedup and feed-backed, it was a reciferous statement of intent. Honourably excepting "A Long Way Down" and "Don't Look Back", two of the choicest com-

positions from the new album, it was Cole's old songs which gave shape to the show — "Main-stream" and "Are You Ready To Be Heartbroken?" - and even older songs by singers Cole seems to have appointed as his forebears: Presley's "Little Sister" and Dylan's "She Belongs To Me". Cole has declared himself keer

to produce Dylan's next album, so singing one of his songs came across not so much as an act of idolatry as an audition. On the strength of his new adult sound. one would not like to bet that he would get the job.

Not quite the dream ticket

than usually mobbed by gilded first-nighters yesterday evening: and they were not there to reassess William Inge, who committed suicide in 1973 in despair at his failure to write another Picnic or Bus Stop, huge Broadway successes both.

No, the magnet clearly was one

Jerry Hall, who (as you may know) is not a bloke, nor a large house, but an American model extremely famous for being extremely famous. She was making her first significant appearance on stage in a role played on screen by someone with more substantial acting credentials, Marilyn Monroe. It would be nice to report that the dead dramatist emerged with

his reputation enhanced and the aspiring actress with hers established. But that was scarcely the case. If the evening was not a chic embarrassment, it failed to communicate the frustration, desolation and quiet, biting pain the doomed Inge wanted. Hall is Cherie, an inept chan-

teuse brashly abducted by a cowboy bent on marriage. Other loners, losers and misfits also gather in the cream-and-brown diner where a convenient snowstorm has marooned them. But it is this mismatched duo's love-war that gives an unhurried play such. tension and momentum as it has. Something is doubly amiss with their pairing from the start, since "the tender little bird" as Inge called Cherie, looms over her "tall, outdoors" swain like a swan

over a moorhen. You never

THEATRE Benedict Nightingale Bus Stop

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long, lissom Hall could be forced on to a bus by Shaun Cassidy's slight Bo, with his clean jeans, shampooed hands, and distinctly

indoors machismo.

buffeted by the all-American elements. She is forlorn, dreamy, languid, world-weary, and sports a plausible Southern accent; but she scarcely has the blend of hardness and stricken helplessness you might expect of someone whose background is white-trash hill country, whose short adulthood has consisted of amusing drunks in and out of tacky nightclubs, and whose career prospects would seem confined to serving in dimestore or bar. Hall's brave if muted attempt to pass off Vanity Fair as the National Inquirer just does not pass muster.

Partly as a result, Inge emerges as little more than the soft-centred laureate of mid-Western folksiness. There must always be something irritatingly homespun about lines like (this from the inevitable sheriff), "Man don't deserve the things he loves unless he kin be humble about getting them". There will always be something

sentimental in the notion that this gruff wisdom could convert raw. meaty Bo into someone tender enough to win over wincing Cherie. Yet a tougher production than Phil Oesterman's might show that, in his wistful way, Inge understood the pinch of the heart and ache of the parts below.

As it is, only a subplot, about an ageing lecher's sly flirtation with an innocent waitress, shows us anything of this darker Inge. There, David Healy does give us a glimpse of the humiliation and self-disgust behind his florid grins and fruity chuckles. But it is not

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Partial portrait of the Forties

If the Savoy Theatre had had the grace to catch fire a week or two earlier, Thark would not have found itself stranded in No Man's Land, committed to move from Hammersmith yet denied entrance to the West End. Its place in the Lyric's main house has been filled by the Cut and Thrust Company, climbing swiftly from the Studio Theatre downstairs with this production playing here till Sat-urday, the excellent Hangover Square next week, and In Pursuit of the English again the week after.

The company have evidently bedded themselves further into their roles than when Benedict Nightingale reviewed the production in Jaunary, yet this adapta-tion by Katle Campbell of Doris Lessing's antobiographical mem-oir still seems curiously empty.

Of atmosphere there is plenty. In Doris's war-damaged room in Jeremy Kingston In Pursuit of

the English Lyric, Hammersmith

the East End the fallen plaster exposes damp brick-work; the look of the Forties is on display in the floral housecoats and padded shoulders, and the predominantly awful working-class people she chooses to meet are prejudiced, petty and a grievous disappoint-ment to a left-winger witnessing a

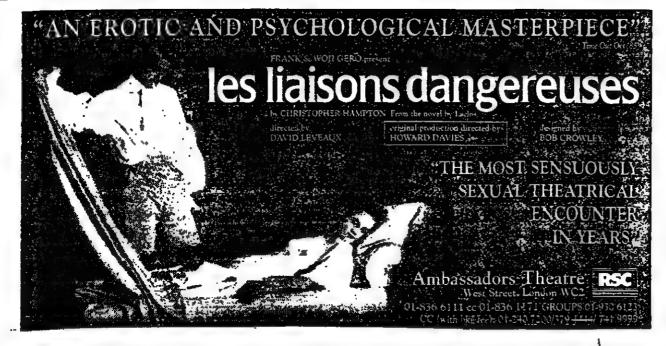
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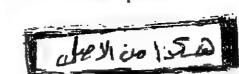
The trouble lies in the used and mild character of the fictional Doris, played by Melauie Jessop With wide eyes and wide, mcredulone smile. Stranging it with a equability family who cadge her fags, cover her nylons and hound as a Rachman, she tolerates everything with an uncommitted interest. Not even Isherwood was so detached. The scenes she selects to record disclose her disapproval, but her disinclination to argue creates a moral void.

For a play set precisely in 1949, Matthew Francis's production could have chosen his pop songs to make tarter comments on the action—no "Candy Kisses", "So Tired" or "Dear Hearts and Gentle People"—but within the occasional scene his cast run up some decent dramatic exchanges.

The seasual fondling Shella Reid's dreamy Flo gives her weight-lifter son (Ben Porter) is intriguing; and both Pippa Guard's shop-girl Rose, stapidly clinging to her useless man, and Celia Intrie's spleadidly contemptuous Midlands tart are clever, convincing performances. For a play set precisely in 1949,

convincing performances.





Sent of eagle Hollywood's slaves to war minutely and spectacularly created, and handsomely physical parameters in the battle scenes like documentary.

ing time out to excoriate the sins of Wall Street (1987) and Talk Radio (1988), Stone now resumes the Vietnam flagellation with Born on the Fourth of July (18, Empire I. Screen-on-the-Green).

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This time his subject is the lost generation that served and suffered and emerged disillusioned, and to which he himself belongs. The script is based on the memoirs of Roa Kovic, who coauthored the script with Stone. Kovic, played by Tom Cruise, is first seen as a wide-eyed innocent, elated by patriotism, going straight from college into the Marines, the volunteer corps that represents for Americans the highest ideal of military glory.

The glory swiftly tarnishes in

the Asian swamps. Kovic is devastated when he accidentally shoots one of his buddies and finds that no-one cares to know. In time, he is wounded himself, and returns home paralysed from the waist down, humiliated by the maze of catheters that replace his destroyed urinary system. He is bewildered by the changes

in America, with its vociferous anti-war movement. He passes

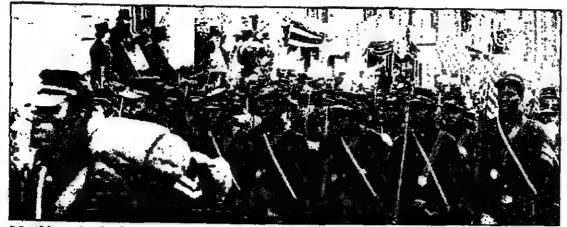
a the footsteps of the educated Ritz and Shirley Valentine, comes another Willy Russell heroise battling free from the oppressions of a provincial life that is (in Russell's vision) hopeless, male-dominated, without horizons for the imagination or ambition.

Dancin' Thru The Dark (15, Warner West End), adapted from Russell's play, Stags and Hens, is an account of a night in a Liverpool' club where Dave (Conrad Nelson) has his stag party and, by mis-chance, his fiancée, Linda (Ciaire Hackett) chooses to take her hen-

To complicate things, Linda's old flame Peter (Con O'Neill) is in town for a one-night gig with his pop group. While Dave lies paralytic drunk in a lavatory cubicle, Linda sees in Peter what might have been, and the chance of CHEST DE

In previous films written by Russell, we have only glimpsed odd figures from provincial life. The whole panorama shown here is unsparing in its picture of ignorance, cruelty, jealousy, lust, prurience, prodery, drunkenness, pretention. Only Peter and Linda are allowed some better qualities, a Merseyside Romeo and Juliet.

The text pre-dates Educating



Marching to battle: Glory's 54th Regiment; right, Tom Cruise as the wheel-chair bound Vietnam veteran tion resources and dramatic power

from his first disillusion and disorientation to become a charismatic leader of the Veterans Against Vietnam movement.

Stone spares us nothing: the horrors of the front; the overcrowded military hospitals where helpless patients lie among vermin and their own excretia; violent police action against dissident groups; above all, the pain of recognizing that the faith and the sacrifice were all wasted.

Nowadays, of course, such statements do not require great liberal courage. Peace is fashionable and all this is history. Vietnam is more than 20 years away; the veterans are in their 40s (Stone is 44; Kovic, 45); the

Battling

heroines

much more sketchy. It is conceived

as a musical, and Russell's own

compositions sound still more

archaic than the date of the piece,

adding to the sense of Liverpool as

a place that time forgot. Dancin'

Thru The Dark is the first film by

the theatre director, Michael

Ockrent, to whom credit must go

for the well-matched performances

The method of Bertrand Blier's

comedies is to over-turn expecta-tions — as in Tenue de Soiree,

where he had the ox-like Gerard

Depardien in desperate romantic

In Trop Belle Pour Toi (18, Lumière, Chelsex Cinema, Cam-

den Plaza) Depardieu's predica-

ment, as the simple synopsis explains, is that "I married my

mistress and only afterwards met

my wife. This is why all is not

exquisite and devoted wife (Carole

Bonquet), he is the envy of all his

friends. Not even he can com-

A successful car dealer with an

pursuit of a small married man.

by a largely unknown cast.

generation which goes to the cinema now has grown-up since then and can see Vietnam objectively as the folly of their fathers.

They can, though, identify with Tom Cruise, the cleanest and brightest of the new generation, and since *Top Gun*, the all-American ideal. He is a capable as well as an attractive actor, and, even without his changing hairstyles, convincingly traces the psychological progression from golden coilege boy to steely-eyed liberal demagogue. Both he and the film hit a difficult patch with a drop-out sequence in a Mexican whore-house, but they recuperate for the finale of a film which skilfully applies massive produc-

a plump, homely secretary, played by Josiane Balasko. The simple

device of relating the banal incidentals of infidelity, while

reversing the cliché characters, is both exquisitely comic and satiri-

cally revealing in its commentary

Skilfnily written, structured and

shot, the film moves smoothly

from banal reality to the surreal

from domestic comedy to scenes of true anguish, like the climactic

dinner-table confrontation of the

rivals. The performances are

finely calculated, the ladies nicely

off-set by Depardies, in his grow-

The National Film Theatre is

currently presenting a special tribute to the distribution com-

pany, Gala, which, for the last 40 years, has been bringing foreign-

anguage films to British screens.

House of Bernarda Alba (15, Cannon Premiere), is not perhaps

one of the most sparkling of Gala's

most recent releases. For literati, it offers a loyal reading of Lorca's

most famous play, with an ex-

cellent cast of actresses; but Mario

Camus, somewhat misinterpreting

Jean Repor's dictum that will that

is projected on a screen becomes a

film" has shot it in a pedestrian

made-for-TV style, which dem-

onstrates that in films, a good text

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Glory (15, Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue) recails another uncomfortable piece of America's history, and the forced maturing of another young man. 50,000 young Americans died in Viet-

to a story of self-discovery.

nam; 700,000 in the Civil War. Edward Zwick's film recreates the story of the 54th Massachusetts Volunteers - the first black regiment, raised in 1862 - and the 23year-old officer, Robert Gould Shaw, who was given the task of forming it and commanding it.

Zwick has not, perhaps, the grandeur of concept which must be admired in Oliver Stone; but the period and events are lovingly,

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minutely and spectacularly recreated, and handsomely photographed by Freddie Francis, who manages to make the special effects in the battle scenes look like documentary.

Kevin Jarre's screenplay falls too much into the familiar modes of historical reconstruction: characters are schematic and their fates predictable: we know, for example, in advance that the scholarly pacifist will wield his bayonet when the need arises; and that it will be the rebellious runaway slave who seizes the standard in the final battle scene. James Horner's over-wrought score, with its chorales by the Boys Choir of Harlem, also falls into clichés of historical spectacle; but there is an earnestness and sincerity about the film which makes it, at its best, very affecting.

This best is in large part due to the performances. The main role of Shaw strains the range of Matthew Broderick; but in any case he would be out-classed by the performances of the black actors. Denzel Washington's independent-minded, trouble-making runaway slave has been justly nominated for the Best Supporting Actor "Oscar"; and he has keen competition from the sagacious Morgan Freeman (who has a Best Actor nomination for Driving



n 1995, we will be celebratiz Back to the future the 100th anniversary of the cinema. This will inevitably raise public consciousness of the British Film Institute's work and result in an unprecedented de-

Wilf Stevenson,

director of the

British Film

Institute, defends his proposals for

the National

Film Archive

BBC and commercial TV acquisitions, form the basis of the National Television Archive. One of the key objectives of our corporate plan is to make the BFI collections more accessible. This can, of course, only be done within the conditions established by our donor agreements, and while protecting the position of the rights holders. Additionally, an overriding priority must be given to the preservation of the

air a significant selection of ITV material deposited with us. and Channel 4 programmes However, only a small propor-



Stevenson: challenging times

sible at present. Problems will arise when researchers start making requests for specific extracts, for then the responsibility for safeguarding the heritage will clash directly with the desire to make it accessible.

All the requests could be met if we had sufficient resources: our aim must be to have a preservation copy, intermediate printing material and viewing copies of every item in the collections. At

them, and difficult decisions seem unavoidable. However it is also vital that the

BFI as a whole is in a position to respond to this centenary. Publication of books and articles, educational support, NFT screenings, MOMI exhibition activities and new research programmes need to be mounted to integrate the approach and to maximize the opportunity.

The BFI has a well-carned reputation of meeting such challenges in full. With a new curator, and with the assistance of his predecessor David Francis (who has accepted a research fellow-ship with the Institute) we intend to develop policies to resolve the competing demands.

Given the time that will be required to research these issues. it is surely responsible of us to put on the agenda the scale and scope of the BFI's remit in archival matter. It is only by debating the issues now that we will be able to decide on the campaign that should be mounted to shift current government thinking. And it is only by planning now for the events we should be undertaking in 1995 that we will be in a position to raise the necessary

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A weekly selection of films re-cently released on video. The year return to the date of first re-lease, or in the case of television

THE BEST OF ERROL FLYNN (Warner): Package of four from the days when n Hollywood. Captain Blood (1935, PC) offers romance and piracy on the high seas; Adventures of Robin Hood (1938, U) boasts jolly colour and a memorable Korngold score. The Private Lives of Elizabeth

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and Essex (1939, U) gets bogged down in worthy words, though Bette Davis is a Queen to be reckoned with; the epic Western They Died With Their Boots On (1941, U) features Flynn twinkling roguishly as General Custer.

OSCARS SEST FOREIGN FILM

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MORRICONE

(RCA/Columbia, U): Humphrey Bogart as a World War Two veteran, whose search for a missing buddy leads him to a teasing femme fatale (Eliza-beth Scott). Too beetlebrowed in tone to join the top film noir classics; tasty viewing nonetheless. Directed by John Cromwell, 1947.

FRIDAY THE 13TH PART VIII (CIC, 18): Subtitled "Jason Takes Manhattan", though some might wish the murderous ghost would take a permanent vacation instead Mindless gore, staged with a trifle more flair than usual by tyro director Rob Heddan, 1989.

JAMES DEAN -- THE FIRST AMERICAN TEENAGER Warner, 15): Ray Connolly's shallow portrait of the 1950s icon, co-pro-duced by David Puttnam. Ar-cane clips of Dean's TV and advertising work are tantaliz-ing, but the interviews with old pais shed Intle light on the star's continuing appeal.

ROSELYNE AND THE LI (Palace, 15): Lavish ab-surdity from Diva director Jean-Jacques Beineix, follow ing the fortunes of two youngsters (Isabella Pasco, Gerard Sandoz) helibent on becoming hon-tamers. Training scenes have an undoubted fascination, but the film's grandiose trappings are just

RUNNING ON EMPTY (Guild, 15): Sidney Lumet's powerful family melocrama with a political tinge. Christine Lahti and Judy Hirsch play anti-Vistnam activists still on the run from the FBI: River Phoenix is the son anxious to lead his own life. 1989.

THE WOLVES OF WIL-LOUGHBY CHASE (Enter tainment in Video, PG): Rousing British fantasy adventure from Joan Aiken's novel, with Stephame Beacham as an odious governess from the imaginary reign of James III, tormer.ting her young charges. Stuart Orme directs. 1989.

Four-pack from the writerdirector's less anguished days. The manic Bananas (1971, 15) finds him mixed up in a Labri-American revolution; Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Sex (1972, 18) offers uneven jokes about the eternal topic; Sieeper (1973, PG) is a joyous science-liction lark, talk nicely balanced with visual slapsbok. Finally Annie Hall (1977, 15); not just gags, but characters, relationships and Diane Keaton.

15 Cert, in the Royal Borough of Kensington and Chelsea

WOODY ALLEN (Warner):





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THEATRE

LONDON * BLOOD BROTHERS: Willy Russel's sentimental musical: separated twins destroyed by the English class system; Kild Dee as their mother.

Albery Theatre, St Martin's Lane, WC2 (01-867 1115), Tube: Looester Sq. Mon-Sat 7.45-10.45pm, mats Thurs 3-6pm, and Sat 4-7pm, 28.90-£18.60. (D)

the highest binger, waring for the bus at a Kansas diner, with Sean Cassidy as Bo Decker and David Heaty as Dr

Gerald Lyman. Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (01-437 3686). Tube: Proceedity Previews Mon-Thurs 8-10pm, Fri and Sat 8.45-10.45pm, mets Fri and Sat 8-8pm, 25-

☆ JACKETS It: Edward Bond's powerful, moving, angry play about society's crooked fabric, set in a riot-torn European city not unlike Laicester, where the play was premiered.
Bush Theatre, Shepherd's Bush Green,
W12 (01-743 3388). Tube: Shepherds
Bush . Preview tonight 8pm, opens
tomorrow 7pm. Then Tues-Sun 8pm, 25.

☆ JOE TANNER'S COME AND GONE: Former chaincong prisoner takes his daughter to Pittsburgh to start life again: one of August Wilson's projected sequence of 10 black America plays,

Century: Theatre, 269 Kilburn High Rd, Tricycle Theatre, 269 Kilburn High Rd, NW6 (01-328 1000): Tube: Kilburn. Previews from tonight, 7pm. Opens March 5, 7pm, then Mon-Sat Spm, mata Sar 4pm, Previews and opening night 23.50, from March 7, £4.50-28.

S MAN OF THE MOMENT: Michael Gambon and Pater Bowles superb in Ayckbourn's masterly harsh comedy: good meets evil on the Costa del Sol. Globe Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave, WI (01-437 3667). Tube: Piccadity Circus. Mon-Frl 7 45-10.15pm, Sal 8.30-11pm, more Well 2.5 30ees and Sel 7 20ees. mats Wed 3-5.30pm and Sat 5-7.30pm

* THE MISUNDERSTANDING: New translation of Camus's 1944 play *Le Malemendus*, using the story of a son who returns home unrecognized to rais lesues of responsibility, the authentic fite and other timeless concerns.
Gate Theetre, Prince Albert Public
House, Pembridge Rd, W11 (01-229
0706). Tube: Noting Hill Gate. Opens
tonight 7.30pm, 25.

* MOSCOW SHADOWS: Berbara Lott and Josephine Tewson as two Moscow widows trading on the edge of the law, caught up in a murder case.
New End Theatre, 27 New End, NM3 (01-794 0022) Tuber Hampersead.
Opens nonight 7pm. Then Tues-Sun, 8pm, man Sat 4 30pm. Tues-Thurs and Sun E0, Fin and Set are \$5.50, Set met

OUT OF TOWN

HARROGATE & Uncle Verye Jonathan Burn plays the title role in David Mamer's adaptation of Chekhov Harrogate Theetre, Oxford Street (0423 5021 16). Tues-Sat 7.45-10pm, £3-£7.

(1) Vivaldi: Four Seasons

Elgar: Cello Concerto Elgar: Cello Concerto Holst: The Planets

Vivaldi: Four Seacone Albinoni: Adagio Bizet: Carmen Highlighti

16 (18) Gershwir: Rhepsody in Blu 17 (18) Beethoven: Symphony 6 18 (20) Chopin: Noctumes

LANCASTER: Bring Down the Sun: New Chris Hawes play combines a 17th century murder cover-up with something similar today. Dakes Theatre, Moors Lans (0524 66645), Tues-Sat 7.30pm, 23-65.25.

MANCHESTER:

The Winter's Tale:
Sean Baker in Phillida Lloyd's directoris
stziling production; touring from Mar
12 Royal Exchange Theatrs, St Ann's Square (061 633 9633). Mon-Thurs 7.30pm, Fri and Set 8pm, mats Wed 2.30pm, Set 4pm, £3.50-£13.

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FILMS

Advance booking possible BLAZE (18): Colourful Americana from

writer-director Ron Shelton, with Paul Newman in commanding form as agein Louisians governor Earl Long, innocersty in love with a stripper (newcomer Lollas Davidowch) (118

mare). Cennon Herymerkert (01-839 1827). Progs 2.40, 5.20, 8.25. Odoon Kenstington (01-602 8644). Progs 12.30, 3.10, 5.50, 8.35. Odoon Swinn Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.10, 5.30, 8.10. E CAMUALTIES OF WAR (18)

American structure in Vietnam, viewed thoughtfully by director Briss De Palme; with Michael J Fox as the soldier standing apent from the brusal antics of Sean Penn (114 mins). Warner West End (01-438 0791). Progs 12-56, 3-25, 8-05, 8-35. DRIVING MISS DAISY (U): Sweet, endeering film of Alfred Uhry's play about a refined Southern lady (Jessica Tandy) and her black chauffeur (Morgan

Freemen), Nominened for nine Oscarz directed by Bruce Berestord. Warner West End (01-439 0791). Progs 1.50, 4.05, 6.25, 8.45. FAME V BUSINESS: Cornedy-Grame

Grawn upon a novel by Vincent Patrick with Seen Connery and Dustin Hoffmar as members of a family of crime (100 mine). Odmon Leicoster Square (01-930 (1111). Proge 12.05, 2.45, 5.35, 8.25.

HOMEY, I MARCHIN THE KEDS (U): The Disney studio's endearing, family-signed varieties on The incredible Shrinking Main, with Rick Moraris as the luckless inventor who accidentally shrinks his collares to minuscule size. Directed by Joe Johnston (102 mins).
Ordeon Keneington (01-802 6644).
Progn 12.45, 3.25, 6.05, 8.45.
Ordeon Wee End (01-800 5252). Progn 1.00, 3.30, 6.10, 8.45.
Ordeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905).
Progs 1.10, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.
Ordeon Marbie Arch (01-723 2011).
Progs 1.10, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.
Carron Children (01-352 5095). 1.30, 3.45, 7.30, 9.40.

JESUS OF MONTREAL HIR AN updated version of a Passion Play causes controversy in Montreal. Strained saturcal fireworks from Denys. Arcand, Canadian director of The Decline of the American Empire (120)

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minsj. Lumiere (01-836 0691). Progs 1 00, 3.30, 6.05, 8.40. Camden Plaze (01-485 2443). Progs 1.00, 3.30, 6.05, 8.40.

Traces of heat and light



"The Big Heat" (above) by critically acclaimed Scottish artist Mario Unusi is based on a will from the Fritz Lang film of the same title. It costs £8,000 and is one of a recent series of paintings loosly inspired by cinema. The artist says that his use of "The Big Heat" was not out of any intrinsic interest in the subject but because this particular shot could be reduced to traces of heat and light. Although some pigment is used, this painting, which is 6 feet by 8 feet, comprises mainly iron rust and gold leaf which blurs and scuffs a precise under-drawing. Using the calguratic language peculiar to artists describing their work, Rossi makes the following statement about this and recent pictures: "These are paintings of collisions, collisions of materials gold and rust, image and surface, wherein

each is denied an authority over the other. The meanings, like the images, hover somewhere off the surfaces of the works." As is so often the case with talented artists what the viewer experiences and what the artists intends are often exclusive. What is constant with Rossi's work is an ability to make constant with Rossi's work is an ability to mean compelling pictures of considerably sophistication, whatever their meaning might be. New paintings by Mario Rossi are on show from today at Anderson O'Day Gallery, 255 Portobello Rosa, Loudou W11 (01-221 7592), Tuesday to Saturday 10am to 5.30pm, free, autil March 31. His work is also featured in "Scottish Art since 1900", which continues at Barbican Art Gallery.

Watch National Opera, with Sir Charles Mackenns conducting cast including Rife Cuttle and Amanda Roccroft. New Thisams, Caroffit (0222 384844), 6.30-10.30pm, £8.50-£30.

GALLERIES

FRED CUMBIG RA: Small landers

oits by a tonal painter and colourist. New Grattoe Gallery, 49 Church Rd, London SW12 (01-748 8650), Tues-S 10am-5:30pm, Iree, until March 24.

AMENT FOR THE POETIC: New works

inspired by classical fragments by Brien Chelidey, Cheliery, 316 Portobello Rd, Creaser Gallery, 316 Portobello Rd, London W10 (07-960 4928), Tues-Satt 10.30em-5.30pm, tree, until March 31.

PHILIP JONES: Turbulent landscape

Blennerm Crescent, London W11 (01-221 6836), Tues-Fri 10am-6pm, Set 11am-5pm, free, until March 31.

PLITRISHA LAWLOR: Broadly executed

dark landscapes by a recent Royal College graduete. Art Space Gallery, 84 St Peter's St, London Nt (01-359 7002), Tuee-Set 2-7pm, tree, until March 28.

prevenge which took towards abstraction.

E LOCK UP (18): Sylvester Stallone trying to soft-pedal the brutistity and brawn as a model pneoner faced with an unknown and vangeful warden (109 minute)

Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 12.40, 3.15, 5.50, 8.25. SEA OF LOVE (18): Superior thriller,

crackling with electricity. Al Pacino stars as a New York cop who becomes as a New York cop who becomes smothonally involved with a murder suspect (Ellen Barkin), Directed by Heroid Becker (113 mins). Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772), Progs 2.25, 5.40, 8.20. Cannon Futham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.20. 6.00, 9.00. Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 12.35, 3 10. 5.45, 8.20. Screen on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 3.30, 6.20, 8 50. Whiteleys (01-792 3303). Wedness (01-792 3303). Progs 1.05, 4.05, 6.35, 9.05.

iff STEEL MAGNOLIAS (PG): Dawdling but handeome version of Robert Harting's play about the camaraderie of Southern women, gathered together in a Southern women, gathered together in a beauty parlour With Sally Field, Dolly Parton and Shirley MacLaine. Directed by Herbert Ross (117 mins). Odeon Haymarket (01-839 7697). Progs 12 10, 2.55, 5.40, 8.25. Odeon Kensington (01-802 6644). Progs 12.35, 3 15, 8.00, 8.40. Cannor Chelses (01-355 5096). Progs 1.40, 4 15, 6.55, 9.25. Whitelers (01-792 3303). Progs 1.35, 4.15, 6.45, 9.15.

CONCERTS

& FROM TRINITY: Beamoven's Symphony No 7 and Sibellus's Symphony No 5 are played by the Trinity College of Music Symphony Orchestra under Odaline de la Martinez. St John's, Smith Sq. London W1 (01-222 1061), 7pm, free.

RESTORATION ETC: Tim Restoration String Quartet, Emma Kinkby (soprano) and others perform Stradelle, Staffani, Manni, Purcell and Wigmore Hail, 36 Wigmore St. Landon W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £3-£12.

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A JOHN LR.L: The plantst plays
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OPERA

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Covers Garden, London WC2 (01-240 1066), 7.30-10pm, 82.50-864.

& BLUEBEARD/DEDIPUS REA cottish Opera s powerful Scriusii Opera s powerui Bartok/Strevinsky double-biil directed by Stefanos Lazardds, Not to be missed. Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041 331 1234), 7.15-10.15pm, £3-£25.50.

& DER ROSENKAVALUER: First night of Wolfgang Weber's new production for

he has given 343 concerts.

Harry Blech (right) conducts the London Mozart Players tonight at his eightieth birthday gala concert at the Barbican Centre (see listing). Blech formed the London Mozart Players in 1949 which was immediately successful and led to been associated with the LMP and the Haydn-Mozart Society and has appeared as guest conductor with the London Philharmonic, London Symphony, Royal Philharmonic and Philharmonia Orchestras. After five years of retirement, Blech still holds the record for conducting appearances at the Royal Festival Hall, where

MADRED PRINTS: Works by 11 artists from the New Realist School of painters of urban life in Madrid.
MecRoberts Arts Centre, The University, String (0786 73171), Tuesset 11am-Spm, free, until March 30.

ALBERT EIVIN: Large, zestivi ebeirect peintings. Climpel File, 30 Device St, London W1 (07-493 2486), Mon-Fri 9.30em-5.30pm, Set 10am-1pm, tree, until March 17. JOSEPH WRIGHT OF DERBY (1734-1797): 120 portraits, landscapes and dramatic, original scenes of worksten and scientific experiments. Tate Gallery, Millbertk, London SW1 (01-821 7128), Mon-Sat 10em-5.50pm, Sun 2-5.50pm, £3, until April 22.

ROCK

★ UB40: Virtually the only British group to have made a long-term, commercially successful career out of playing regges (pece Aswad), even if their least single, a version of Al Green's "Here I am (Come and Take \$4e)", falled to breach the Top

NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133), 7.30pm, 213.80, for two rights.

A JOHNNY CLEGG: With his see fusion of western rock and township he is beginning to sound like a pan-African version of Phil Collins on his new album Cruel, Crezy, Beaut

World. Royal Concert Hall, Thesire Sq., Nottingham (0602 482626), 7.30pm, 26. * CHRIS REA: From "Road to Hell" to his tases hit "Tell Me There's a Heaven"; is there a religious sub-text to

☆ GEORGIA SATELLITES: Boozy.

bluesy, good-rocking Atlanta quartet plugging its recent, unjustly neglected album in the Land of Salvation and Sin. Junction 10, Bertley Rd North, Walsall (0922 648100), 8pm, 28.

- JAZZ

★ HILTON RUIZ: The high-octane Latin or multium multis. The high-octaine Latin planist embarks on an Arts Council tour, his eight-piece playing material from recent Novus albums including Strut. Queen Elizabeth Hell, South Bank, London SEI (01-928 8800), 7.45pm, 25.50, 27.50.

☆ STEVE LACY: An impenetrable blend of free improvization and Duceland from the soprano player's sextet. Band On The Wall, Swan St, Manchester (061 832 6625), doors open 8.30pm, £5, £6.

☆ JONATHAN GEE: A bright and inventive modern plantst, playing original material with a trio including drummer Winston Clifford. Rosehill Theatre, Moresby, Whitehaven (0946 582422), 8pm, £3.76.

☆ 1990 BRITISH JAZZ EXTRAVAGANZA; An all-star package that brings together the bands of Ker Bafi, Acker Blik and Kenny Baker, wi guest artists including George Christoire Hawth Theatre, Hawth Avenue, Crewley (0298 563636), 8pm, 27.50, 28.50.

DANCE -

A PRINCE OF THE PAGGDAS: Keynoth Birmingham Hippodrome (021 622 7486), 7.30pm, 26.50-522.

& EGG DANCING: Performant aged eight to 70 in works by Rosemery Lee. The Piece, Duke's Rd, London WC1 (01-387 0031), 8pm, 26.

* NEW CHOREOGRAPHERS: Three works by unestablished creators. Third Eye Centre, Sauchestall St. Glasgow (041 582 7521), 7.30pm, 22.50 and 23.50.

OTHER EVENTS

OTNOSAURS ALIVE: An exhibition about the rise and tail of one of the most popular prehistoric reptiles. Full and half-sized robotic creatures operated by computers and compressed air provide

Christian and Compressed as provide the order and Course, 2 Market St, Edinburgh, Until June 3, Mon-Sat 10am-5.30pm, Iste opening Thurs until 9pm, Sun noon-5pm. Adult £1, Child

EAST ANGLIA SPRING ANTIQUES FAIR: Large collection of Royal Doulton

and time period furniture, with mainly pre-1890 antiques. Dealers will be giving advice to new collectors on a variety of specialist subjects, with no obligation to

Duy. The Ashmaneum, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, Today 2-7pm, bomorrow 11am-7pm, Sat 10am-5pm, Adult 21, Child (must be over eight) 50p.

LITERATURE OF THE SOUTH BANK:
Two Weish poets — Tony Curits and
Robert Minhinnick — read from their
works, appropriately on St David's Day.
The Votes Bar, Moral Festival Hall.
South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800),
8pm, adult \$2.50, student \$1.50.

WALKS

HEDDEN CURIOS AND COURTYARDS OF OLD LONDON: Meet St Paul's tube 10.30am, £3 (01-624 9981). A WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF SPEED DCX HOLDES, Most Secon Street tube, 2.30pm, £3.50 (01-868 4019).

A CHOST PUB WALK: Meet Temple tube, 7.35pm, £3.50 (01-668 4019). LEGAL LONDON — BRIS OF COURT AND OLD BALLEY: Mass Temple LUDA, 10.30am, 23.50 (01-937 4281).

TALKS

EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND THE FUTURE OF EUROPE: Lucture by Lord Centre, Church St, Buckingham, Radolffe Centre, Church St, Buckingham (0290 814080), B.30pm, Irae.

TEETH AND ARCHAEOLOGY: Lunchums lecture by Dr S.W. Hillson. University College London, Darwin Theatre, Gower St, London WC1, 1.15pm, free.

CALLERY LECTURE: Wandy Nelson-Cave talks about George Bernard Shaw and the Victorian Treatry. National Portrait Gallery, St. Martin's Piece, London WC2 (01-830 1552), 1.10pm, free.

BOOKINGS

FIRST CHANCE

NEWBURY SPRING FESTIVAL: Twelth NewBurt spring Festivals I weith festival highlights include Talich Cuartet of Prague, israel Plano Trio, Dorian Wind Quintet of New York, Paul Hansard's puppets, New Orleans March Gras, Benny Green with Marion Montgomery, Paco Peña, George Melly, and Opera Restor'd with 18th Century English operas. May 9-19. Friends booking from today. General from March 15. Festival Office, Suite 3, Town Hall,

Featival Office, Suite 3, Town Hell, Newbury, Berkshire (0636 49919 or

THE DOLINETSCH YEARS: Festival to celebrate fittleth anniversary of death of the early music pioneer Arnold Dolmetsch. Concerts feature the Guildraid String Ensemble, Jernifer Arnold Dolmetsch. Also Jernifer Bate, Amoid Doimetsch, Also Jenning Batel, the King's Singers, Trevor Pinnock, Metvyn Tan, Richard Baker, Antony Hopkins, May 22-29. St John's, Smith Sq, London SW1 (01-222 1061). Booking opens today.

WEMBLEY: Booking for The Hollies and The Mission (March), Phil Collins (April), Pive Star (May), Bilty Joef, Magnum (June), and Prince (July). Wembley Stadium, Wembley, Middlesex (01-900 1234).

LAST CHANCE

ROYAL LOVE LETTERS: Thirty letters on display, including Henry VIII's expressions of intent to Anne Boleyn, and Edward VIII's oxidinations to Mrs Simpson. Ends Sun.
Royal Eritish, Alderigans St., London EC2 (01-568 0588).

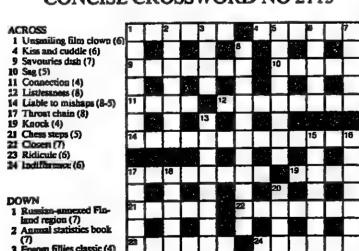
ALICE MAHER: Recent works exploring pose bilities of combining painting and drawing with installation. Ends Set. Art Council Gallery, Bedford St., Belfass Art Co 0232 321402).

BERMADETTE SERRE THORSE PERSON inspired by Italy and its art by a tecturer at the British School in Roma, Ends Fd. Albertrarie Gallery, 18 Alb London W1 (01-355 1680).

Theatre: Jeremy Kingston; Fikes: Geoff Brown; Concerts: Max Harrison; Opera: Hilary Finch; Rock:
David Sinclair; Jazz: Cirve Davis;
Dance: John Percival; Galleries:
David Lee; Walks and Talks: Greta Carslaw; Other Events: Judy Froshaug; Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.

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Taking its cue from the miserably small representation of women in the House of Commons (42 MPs out of 650), A Safe Sex for a Safe Seat (BBC2, 9.30pm) looks at the selection process in the Conservative constituency of High Peak in Derbyshire. The reason for the paucity of women in Parliament, it is suggested, is not that voters don't like them but that so few are chosen to stand. Even women on selection committees, it seems, are likely to choose men. Teresa Gorman, who has managed to be both selected and elected, reckons that even if they choose a woman, local parties are really looking for an imitation man. The



Hopeful: prospective candidate Cheryl Gillan is on the shortlist (BBC2, 9.30pm)

deeper the voice, she claims, the better the chances. To their credit, none of the three female hopefuls featured in Ruth Jackson's 40 Minutes film take her advice. Their progress is followed as the original 270 applicants are whittled down to a shortlist of 22 and an even shorter list of three, from which the prospective candidate emerges. Viewers can amuse themselves placing bets on the chances of Cheryl (pronounced Sheryl) Gillan, former chairman of the Bow Group and a smile for all seasons; Angela Knight, a combative member of Sheffield City Council with forthright views on dog dirt; and Melinda Libby, the youngest of the trio at 31, single and in advertising. With the camera permitted to eavesdrop on the interviews, much fascinating footage emerges. There is nothing like watching someone else going through the mill. But, given the premise of the programme, it would have been interesting to have heard from the selection committee how much the sex of the candidates determined their choice. After the raucous excesses of some of the Comic Strip offerings, Spaghetti s (BBC2, 9.00pm) seems determined to go the other way. The pace is leisurely, the decibel level is low. Almost no one overacts, not Alexei Sayle, not French or Saunders and certainly not Nigel Planer, in the central role of an Italian banker who steals \$200 million and, with two hit men in pursuit, turns up in London. This curiously subdued piece tilts at a number of targets, from the Freemasons to Perrier water (though it was clearly in the can before the recent Perrier scare), while resisting the temptation to dwell on the obvious jokes. The humour is so quiet at times that you can almost forget that this is a spoof.

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Alsn Turner's dinner engagement leach to a commontation with 16m Tate. (Crecie)

7.39 Science Fiction: Coe-France. A look at the controversy surrounding the announcement by Professors Pone and Fleischman that they had achieved nuclear cold-fusion in a test-base

5.00 The Bitt Screening Special. The Fraud Squad's Det Supt Martins arrives at Sun Hill looking for an officer to work on a special assignment and Burnside is particularly keen that he should be chosen (Oracie)

1.30 This Weet: Victima of Feer. Woman tron Britain's Asian communities break their alance about the brutal reality of the culture clash they face by tiving here. The programme also looks at the marriages which end in suicide or murder and explores the reasons why Asian women have for years tolerated physical abuse at home

9.00 Tegent Hoelie Winness, Mark McManum returns as Glasgow detactive Jim Taggart in the first episode of a time-part drama. Taggart and Sgt Jardine are working on two saparate marder cases, which become

working on two separate marker cases, which become complicated when John Greeney makes a false confession. But is Taggart right to dismise Greeney's story so quickly? (Oracle) Howe at Ten with Travor McDonald and Fiona Armstrong, Weather 10.30 Thursde News

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10.35 The City Programme investigates
British banks's billion pound write-off

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2.30 News headlines followed by Files:
King Richard and the Crussians
(1954) starring Rex Harrison,
Virginia Mayo and George Senders.
As Richard in a Lionheart lights
for the cause of Christianity, he imis realises that his file is in danger—
from one of his own men. Directed by David Butler

David Buller
4.30 America's Top Ten (r)
5.00 TTH Morning News with Phil
Roman, Ends at 6.00

6.45 Open University: Social Science —
Levels of Meaning. Ends at 7.10
8.00 News 8.15 Westminuter
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7.20 Animation Now: Mindacape (b/w)

7.28 Animation Now: Mindscape (b/w)
7.39 \$ 8 5: Work Work Work. The first of a new series exploring the world of work
8.00 Yes Minister Open Government.
(r). (Ceetax)
8.30 Convoy to Romania. A documentary about the discovery of some 200 mentally and physically handicapped children who were housed in appalling conditions by the Causescu receive in a

the Coursesou regime in a Transplantian castle 9.00 The Course Strip Presents Spagnatil Hoops (see

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10.30 Newshight
11.15 The Lets Show 11.35 Weekend
12.00 Open University: Weekend
Outlook 12.05 am Special Education
12.30 International Bows. High Education
from the Embassy World Indoor
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aga of the Hardacres and the
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News on the hour.

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RADIO 1

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Paul Jones 10.00 Pull The Other Onel 10.30 The Houghton Weavers 11.05 Round Midnight 1.00cm Nightride 3.00-4.06 A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

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RADIO 3

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1.30 News

Abbey Choir)
7.30 News
7.35 Norming Concert (cont):
Debussy (Prélude à l'aprèsmici d'un taune: Orchestre de Parls under Daniel
Barenborn); Mozart (Pisno Concerto No 14 in E flat, K
449: Philitarmonis under Viadimir Ashkenezy); Dukes
(The Sorcerer's Apprentice: Orchestre National de Orchestra National de France under Georges Prêtre); Coates (March, The Dambustest: RLPO under Charles Groves)

Charles Groven;

1.30 News
Scandinavian Spacon, Gade
and Svendern, Svendsen
(Norwegian Rhapsody No 2,
Op 19: Bergen SO under
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Járvi); Svendsen (Norweglan Rhapsody No 4: Bergen SO under Andersen) 9-35 Clear Francis Medical Quartet, with Imogen Cooper, piano, perform Plano Dulntut in F minor) 10.10 The Buffoon: SNO under

10.10 The Sufficion: SNO under Järvi performs Prokoflev (Ballet Suffit)

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11.35 Concert from Wolverhampton: BBC Philharmonic Under Yan Paizeil Totteller, victin, performs Bach (Victin Concerto in A minor); Dutilleux (Métaboles); Serioz (Symphonie lantactique)

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1.00 pm News
1.05 Birmingham Lunchtime
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One, Pebble Mill. Academy
of Ancient Music Tric
performs Couperin
(Ouetorzieme Concert from
Les Goüts-reunis);
Bolsmunios (Conte Les Gouts-réunis); Botsmortier (Cello Sonata No 1 in E minor); Rameau (Five Pieces from Nouvelle: (Five Pieces from Nouvelles suites de pièces de clavecin); Boismortier (Trio Sonata in A minor, Op 37)

2.00 Alan Hoddinott (Scaria for string orchestra, Op 119; Clarinet Concerto No 2, Op 128: BBC Walsh SO under Bryden Thomson, with David Campbell, clarinet)
2.40 Two Violins: Glidon Kremer and Isabelle Van Keulen perform Prokofiev (Sonata in C. Op 55)
2.01 10.10ccar Test Match Special (MW only): West Indies v England, first Cable and Wireless Test.
Commentary on the fifth and final day
3.00 Die Enthühring from Drottingsvolm (Fill only); Scandinavlan Season.
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Chorus and Orchestra of the Drottingholm Court Thesire under the theat music Grector Arnold Ostman perform Mozart's three-sct Singspiel, in a recording from the Drottningholm Court

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3.30 Mainly for Pleasure (FM only): Lyndon Jones presents a special edition of the programme for St David's Day from Cardiff

7.00 News (FM only)
7.05 Third Ear (FM only): lan
Carr in conversation with
the American planist end 7.30 BBC Weish SO (FM only) under Rudolf Barshai, with

under Rudolf Barshai, with Howard Shelley, piano, performs Glänka (Overture, Rusian and Ludmilla); Tchaitovsky (Plano Concero No 1 in B flat minor); Prokofley (Scenes from Romeo and Jullet) 9.00 Home is Where . . . (Fill only); A selection of poema from Wales, arranged by Diana Griffiths and read by Andy Rivers, loan Meredith

Hordgren (Violin Concerto No 3: Ostrobotonium Chember Oronestra under Juha Kangas, with Kaija

Saarikettu, violin)
11.60 Composers of the Week:
Candinavian Season. Grieg
(Old Norwegian Melody with
Variations, Op 51; Violin
Sonata No 2 in G, Op 13;
Four Lyric Pieces, Op 71) (7)
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Diana Griffiths and read by Andy Rivers, loan Meradith and Rachel Thomas and Rachel Thomas 9.20 Szymanowski Plano Music (FM only): The planist Martin Jones performs Vanations in 8 flat minor. Op 3; Sonsta No 2, Op 21) 10.00 Music In Our Time (FM only until 10.30): Scandinavan Season. A programme of Finnish music. Leff Segerstam (Symphony No 11: Finnish RSO under the composer): Usko Marilâinen (Four Bagatelles: Setin Ouartet); Petir Henrik Hordgren (Violin Concerto

RADIO 4

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6.10 Farming Today 6.25
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Today, incl 6.20, 7.00,
7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News
6.55, 7.55 Weather 8.35
Yesterday in Parliament
6.57 Weather
8.00 News

9.00 News 9.05 Face the Facts with John 9.05 Face the Facts with John Walte (r)
9.30 Into the Dengarous World:
An aggraphobic for 40 years attempts the seemingly impossible . . . (r)
10.00 News: The Wateral History Programme: Fergus Keeing and Jessica Holm report on research in Morocco and Sheria which could save the siender-billed curiew from astriction
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11.25 in Exile; Jonathan Steinberg
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who have settled in Britain,
Part 3: Russian City banker
Sanisha Yasaukowich who
is now a Goupesarchire

country squire 11.30 First Person: Series of takes by first-time broadcasters. Part 9: William Rivière learns to row Venettan

learns to row Venetian boets on the lagoon
12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard
12.23pes Smiley's People: Seven-part dramatization of John Le Carre's novel, With Bernard Heplon (3) (a) (r)
12.65 Weather
1.00 The World at One with James Nauchus James Naughtin 1.40 The Archers (r) 1.56

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years on; an interview with
dencers André Molymeaux
and Annie Russell; and a
discussion on the Meria
3.00 News; The Emperor's
Dream: Play by Olana
Limbres. A stilliand Celid
princess and a starchy
Roman emperor are driven
to marriage by a druidic
prophecy in Romanoccupied Wates. With
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and Richard Mitchley as

Anwen witams as alorgan and Richard Mitchley as Megnus Maximus (a) 4.05 Bookshelf: Nigel Forde, with guests John Mortiner and Edward de Bono

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Association has doubled its
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RADIO CHOICE)

Peter Davalle One of the little jokes in this week's edition of Boundfrack (Radio 4, 7.20pm) which updates our image of the pawnbroker's trade, concerns those three flungus brass balls. What

we'll never again see the item 6000

Sign of the pawnbroker; two to one against? (R4, 7.20pm)

we've pledged. But if Soundtrack is to be believed - and it ought to be, since the voices we hear belong to both the advancers of cash and the advanced - the position is not as hopeless as that. It seems that more than 90 per cent of the goods that pass to and fro beneath the three balls are eventually redeemed. It is the changing nature of these goods as much as the changing nature of those who receive and retrieve them (there's no real difference, we are assured, between going to the pawnbroker for a loan and going to the bank for a second mortage) that provides a surprise or two tonight. It used to be old trousers and woollen as likely to be a Mercedes

sports car, or a Porsche.

ETHIOPIA CRISIS

This time it's not too late in 1984 children died of

brought in their worthers' they are telling us, says our wag, is that it's two to one arus. Now famine threatens again. Weeks of relexitiess som left people's crops dead in the fields. Without rain, there is almost nothing to harvest. But there is

hope - if we act today. Even now Oxfam's food supplies are getting to the people who need them most. But so much more is needed. You can belp. Fiesse make a donation teday.

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Storm-lashed pier in the frontline as Hastings battles the waves

Engineers call for a new approach to sea defences

Engineers worked round the clay and stone edifice affords clock yesterday to plug the 200 inadequate protection, esmetre gap in the sea defences at Towyn, North Wales, with five-tonne blocks of armour the greenhouse effect. stone and cament

The wall which protects Towyn is one and a half miles long, rises 8 metres above the beach and dates in part from 1850 when it was built by the Chester and Holyhead

The battering, meted out to the Clywd coastal town and elsewhere around the coastline this week, has vividly illustrated vulnerability of Britain's sea defences.

The huge hole punched in the Victorian sea wall at Towyn and subsequent flooding of inland areas has high-lighted, some engineers say, the need for for a new ap-proach to protection from the ravages of the sea.

It has also pointed to the lack of capital expenditure on sea defences, the low priority placed on such measures, and the need to overhaul the administration system.

In Towyn engineers from Colwyn borough council and British Rail, which owns the section of wall that was destroyed, are trying tides permitting, to plug the huge gap with stones, from quarries near by, set in quick-setting

However as Mr Neville Gough, the borough's director will be a temporary measure. ever, is £22 million.

There will obviously be a

A spokesman said review of the situation after are projects where life and suffering this sort of damage."

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some homes in Bideford, closed. Appledore, Ilfracombe, In W

Instow and Braunton. At II-

fracoznbe, two families were

moved from their homes as

waves crashed through har-

bour defences aiready

breached twice this week. In

Somerset police warned the

At Ballykelly, near London-

derry, farmers had to move

livestock on to high ground after flooding and 1,000 acres

of land were left under water.

In Grampian, snow made

driving difficult with the A939

Prince breaks holiday

to visit stricken town



Swindon, said. The severity of the storms has also highlighted the need for a single body to administer coastal defences.

shore breakwaters to dissipate

liam Halcrow and partners of

protection measure.

Responsibility for sea defences against flooding of low lying land rests with National Rivers Authority under the auspices of the Ministry of

Coastal protection in the shape of sea walls against erosion, falls under the remit of local authorities, again administered by the ministry.

As MPs continued to voice concern about government priorities in shoring up Britain's sea defences, one region of the National Rivers Apthority is struggling to tackle a However as Mr Neville £300 million backlog of Gough, the borough's director "priority" capital projects. Its of technical services, said, that

A spokesman said: "These uffering this sort of damage." property are at risk and we The winds and seas have would wish to get on with the shown all too vividly that the work as soon as possible."

In Wales, police and volun-

teer emergency workers pa-trolled Pensarn, warning

residents over loud speakers

that the next 32-foot tide

scheduled for midday could

reach their homes. They ap-

pealed to residents to move

they would remain until the

floods made it impossible to

stay in their homes. Some said

they had been made afraid by

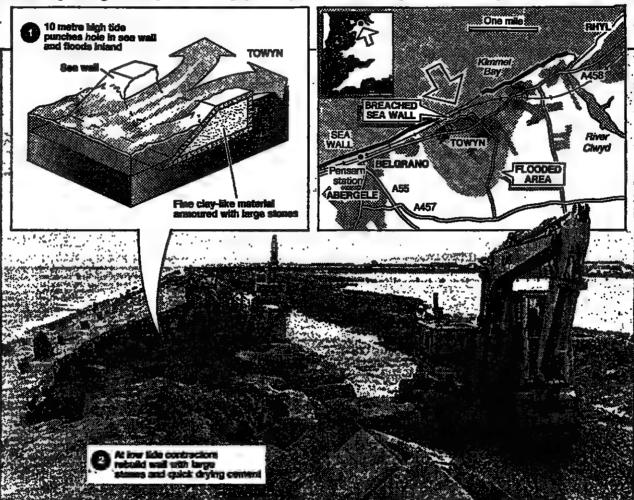
reports of looting although

North Wales Police said that

no cases had been reported.



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Political sketch

Scots awa' as Lord James holds the line

las in Scottish Questions down at the Commons yes-terday, you weren't in it.
"The hon member

shouldn't address me as if I was James Buster Douglas. I'm merely the member for Edinburgh West, trying to answer a question."

Thus did the mild-man-

nered Scottish junior min-ister, Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, remonstrate with Dick 'Doughty' Douglas (the Labour MP for Dunfermline West). Lord James once was, in fact, a boxer (lightweight) of some distinction at

And boy was Lord James punching! The Etonian Scots-man had been riled beyond endurance over poli tax, and was fighting back hard. He was relying on the example of Marshal Foch, who wired his superiors: "My centre is giv-ing way, my right is in retreat; singuage accelent. I attack" It was not so much that Lord James's troops were disabled: they just weren't there. With Questions well under way, I counted the Tory benches. Discounting the seven ministers and whips on the Front Bench, there were eight Tories in the Chamber — to the Oppo-sition's 51. Of the eight, four were English but had wan-dered in after hunch to assist embattled Scots colleagues. That leaves four Soots Tories.

Of these four, one (Alick Buchanan-Smith, from Kincardine & Deeside) had come to attack the Government. He and Labour's Calum Macdonald (Western Isles) wanted ministers to help fishermen the way they help farmers. Some chance! If Spongy-Brain spread to fish and we faced an epidemic of Mad Cod Disease the Ministry's instinct would be to slaughter the fishermen, not the fish. Buchanan-Smith supported the industry, not the Ministry. That leaves

Of these three, one (Eastwood's Allan Stewart) had come to tear a strip off the Government for its dogged attachment to Prestwick Airport, at the expense of Edin-burgh and Glasgow Airports, Prestwick is in a highly-marginal Tory constituency. That leaves two.

Of these two, one - Sir Nicholas Fairbairn (Perth & Kinross) was, frankly, con-fused. Confused about declar-

was addressing and very con-fused about his trousers. Question 7 was about tour-

ism; Question 8, about poll-tex. "Sir Nicholas Fairbairn" called Mr Speaker. "Hoots!" — we sensed Sir Nicholas desperately thinking - Where were we? Question 7 or 8? Or is this about John Browne's failure to declare business in-terests?" He glanced at the Order Paper. Poll-tax, tour-ism, and declarations of interest scampered through the

Fairbairu brain. His reply had a certain wild if deviant ingenuity. "May I declare an interest? he started. "I am wearing a pair of free trousers in the Comric Strathearn Tarten.

"I'm in no position to comment, smiled a bemused Mr Speaker, "but carry on."
"This" (Sir Nicholas must have meant his trousers) "is intended to boost the tourist industry in Scotland. Does the Secretary of State agree that if the roof tax were introduced, the number of warrant-sales under a community charge, or the old rating system, would mul-tiply by thousands and ruin the tourist industry?"

That leaves one. Good old Sir Hector Monro (Dumfries)! What will they do without him? Sir Hector was there to support the Government. On anything, really. Whatever seemed helpful. He chose a Question introduced by the Liberals' Archy Kirkwood (Roxburgh & Berwickshire) who seemed to be worried about a barbarous Scottish practice - something which sounded like "duelling on the Al". We cannot actually remember what Sir Hector said but you may be sure that it was loyal, sensible, and in the best possible taste.

As Questions proceeded, most of the remaining Scots Tories arrived, whips looked in and, alarmed at the stillempty benches, scurried out. They soon did their work.

English Tories started to drift to their places, among them Edward Leigh (Gainsborough & Horncastle) whose socks were admired by giggling chums beside him: black socks, with a red and yellow picture of what looked like Rupert Bear on each.

Matthew Parris

Thames boats impounded

By David Sepated

Thames yesterday after solic-itors for those injured and bereaved obtained warrants for the arrest of the vessels.

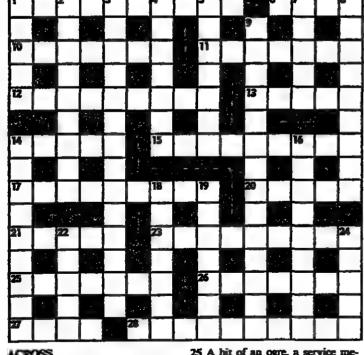
The arrest of the Hurlingham, sister ship of the illfated riverboat on which 51

Two sister ships of vessels people died, and the Bow-involved in the Marchioness trader, a dredger, was made ter were seized on the under a centuries-old law.

Solicitons obtained the warrants from the deputy Admiralty Marshal in the High Court claiming that their efforts to obtain compensation had been subject to "delay and prevarication,"

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THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,230



- 6 Strap about to administer a hard blaw [4]. 10 Field worker making changes —
- 16 (7).

 11 Junk food is, with dad, a sore point (7).
- 12 Picked up as necessary (6-3). 13 Surveillance, when one's with-drawn, in retrospect is a failure
- 14 In other words, apply friction
- 15 County side bowls batsman out - he's without a single run (9). 17 It records the time a match's taken in the mist (4-5).
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- 5 Ruler sets up a representative in the capital (7). 7 Cry about nothing - get hit (5). 8 Nests seen as a possible source

River Liffey (7).

- 9 Cockney's case of fruit (6,3,5).

 14 Additional information one's
- turned up on transport (9).
 Usually fashionable officer (2-7).
 Loser's "Well run!" accepted by
 man (4-3). 19 For every smoke there's a smell
- 22 Fancy woman, upset, put under doctor (5).

 24 Parties with leaders of such integrity deserve electoral suc-

cess (5).

WORD-WATCHING A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard . To talk no A medieval German madrigal c. A house of ill repute SOLILOQUAL a. Eclipsing the sun b. Talking to oneself c. Living from the soil CHEWINE a. A wink of as

c. A large finch BURREL a. A coarse russet cloth b. A 20-gallon vat a To burrow and imped Asswers on page 20

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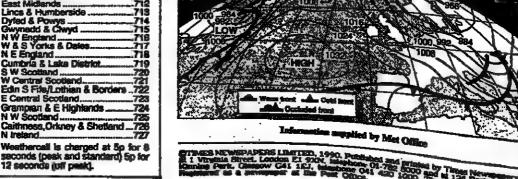
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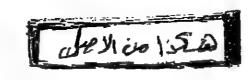
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Market report, page 28

Chairman resigns at Charterhall

Russell Goward, the Australian entrepreneur, has resigned as chairman and joint managing director of Charter-hall, the mini-conglomerate, whose Australian parent, Westmer, is in receivership.

A spokesman for Charterhall said the UK company was not in receivership nor are there plans to call in the receivers. Mr Goward is believed to have resigned in order to concentrate on salvaging his interests in Westmen, where he has a substantial shareholding. Mr Kevin Freedman, Charterhall's other managing director, left the company last year.

Charterhall's shares are suspended at 91/2p. They are unlikely to be traded again until the Westmex receivers have made a decision on the company's 60 per cent stake in

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TOURIST RATES

Quarter of Abbey shareholders sell out

More than a quarter of the people who took part in the Abbey National flotation last July have sold their shares, the company said

Sir Campbell Adamson, Abbey's chairman, said 1.4 million of the former building society's customers have cashed in their shares, out of 5.5 million who bought them.

They have been spurred on by the strong share price, which reached 189p yesterday, compared with the 130p offer price as institutional investors have acquired large holdings, and now

company. The flotation created Britain's biggest share register.

Since then many people have sold their shares and withdrawn their savings in protest at Abbey's bungled float which left 300,000 without share certificates and refund cheques. Abbey is still receiving letters from people who have not received their shares, and 400,000 have not taken up their

Sir Campbell was presenting the bank's figures for 1989, in which profits rose by 21 per cent to £501 million. There is a maiden dividend of 5.7p a share. "Abbey

own almost one third of the National has gone from strength to stone, Abbey National's estate company. The flotation created strength in 1989 despite the difficult market conditions," he said. The figures beat all forecasts and were welcomed in the City where the shares rose 4p to 189p.

Abbey shrugged off the poor housing market during the year to increase its net lending by 24 per

Comment.

cent to £4.2 billion. But 75 per cent. of the gain came from remortgaging, while new mortgage demand remained static, its share of the mortgage market rose from 8.4 to 14.9 per cent. However, Corner-

to the collapse in house sales. The group's profits were also hit by an £8 million loss on gilts trading and the end of a £17 million a year pensions holiday.

Profits were increased by £51 million in interest from the £975 million the company raised at its float. Sir Cambell denied that Abbey is eager to spend the money. There will be no folie de grandeur. Our money is not burning a hole in our pocket," he said. He promised to continue Abbey's European expansion which was helped last month by the £42 million acmortgage company.

Its share of the savings market fell from 9.8 per cent to 4.0 per cent in the year as banks started to offer higher interest rates, forcing it to raise its mortgage rate two weeks

The high mortgage rates have started to increase arrears at Abbey. In the second half of 1989 there was a 14 per cent rise in arrears of more than six months. Despite this, Abbey increased its bad debt provision by only £1 million to £14 million.

Sir Campbell justified the bank's decision to raise the mortgage rate.

savers could no longer be ignored,' he said. "We are essentially a retail organization and ignore that at our cost." Abbey's higher savings and mortgage rates are effective today.

The company also revealed a reorganization in its treasury department to take advatage of its new banking status. It has sold almost all its £1.6 billion in gilts, which exposed it to interest losses. Instead it has bought higheryielding US government-backed mortgage securities and and sterling floating-rate notes. The losses in gilt sales will take about £11 million a year off profits until 1994

Nuclear costs 'doubled in three days'

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

The merchant bank advising the Government on its £15 billion electricity privatization programme revealed yesterday how the amount of money needed to meet the cost of decommissioning nuclear power had more than doubled

over three days last year. The Commons energy select committee was told by Mr David Clementi, head of corporate finance at Kleinwort Benson, that when the bank started work on the privatiza-tion in 1987, it had been told by the Central Electricity Generating Board that the amount of money needed to meet the eventual cost of decommissioning nuclear power stations and supplying them with fuel was £3.2 billion.

He said, however, that on May 7 last year, the CEGB wrote to the bank saying this amount had risen to £4.5 billion. Three days later, another letter was received which said the figure was now £10 billion.

The revel many members of the com- adequately contained.

zation proposals, and had recommended that nuclear power stations should not be

Mr Clementi, who also admitted he had not read the committee's report, said the bank had given competent and professional advice to the Government on the issue, and the withdrawal decision had been a matter of government policy. "Our advice was consistent. What was changbeing given."

Mr Clementi said his bank had maintained that the whole industry, including nuclear power stations, could be privatized provided certain conditions were met to cover the risks associated with nuclear

Lazard Brothers, the CEGB financial adviser, which is continuing as adviser to the National Power, the new company, told the committee it believed the flotation of Natnuclear stations was possible, as long as potential investors received assumace that cer-

fication of the costs due to the high level of uncertainty surrounding all long-term estimates of the costs and risks in particular, we advised National Power that the financial market was strongly averse to uncertainty in this context.

"Whilst there are privatelyowned nuclear power stations in a number of countries in the world, it was clear from the outset of our appointment to ing were the numbers we were the CEGB that the inclusion of nuclear power would be one of the most difficult issues to be faced in a successful privatization of the electricity supply

"We accordingly advised National Power that it would only have been possible to privatize National Power provided the particular risks associated with nuclear power -mainly the limited name of many reliabilities - were explicitly dealt with - and either were borne by a third ional Power, including the party, for example the Goverament or the consumer, or were capable of being determined with a high degree of

"We stated this as our view mittee which has already pub-lished a highly-critical report son said: "It was not possible discussions with National of the Government's privati- 10 provide a precise quanti- Power's nuclear group."



A happy Christopher Norland flanked by models wearing the very latest Usher colle

Profits growth in fashion at Usher

en's evening wear manufacturer yesterday proved that a depressed clothing retail market need not mean stagnation or loss. The USM-quoted fashion house reported an 11.7 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to £708,000 on turnover up 15 per cent to £7.69 million for the six months to end-December. Interim earnings per

Profit growth is back in fashion at Frank
Usher (Melinda Wittstock writes). The wominterim is kept at 2p. There was a £67,000 exceptional item, resulting from a £168,000 currency loss from conversion into sterling of a mark loan for the new headquarters in Hendon, North London, somewhat offset by a £101,000 exceptional gain on the sale of a factory. Mr Christopher Norland, chairman, is confident about the second balf.

PROFESSIONAL

Not expensive, yet the best 35mm slides

Cadbury joins fight over value of brands

By Colin Campbell

Cadbury Schweppes has joined the ranks of other leading British companies in challenging draft accounting procedures for brand values.

The confectionery and beverages group which made 12 separate acquisitions in 1989 for a gross outlay of £718 million and thereby increased its international family of brand names, has added £307 million to its 1989 balance sheet to reflect - at cost - the value of brands acquired by the group since 1985. Cadbury said it would not

amortize the brand values. This conflicts with recent proposals in an exposure draft

by the Accounting Standards Cadbury believes the move is "sensible" and says it has the support of its auditors. Sir

Graham Day, chairman, de-

nied the group was seeking a bead-on clash with the ASC. Cadbury's decision to capitalize the value of acquired brands on its balance sheet effectively adds to sharehold-

ers' funds, so giving the group added financial flexibility. But for the change, Cadbury

would have shown that net borrowings of £424 million exceeded shareholders' funds. Other companies to have

adopted brand values on the balance sheet include Guinness, United Biscuits, Reckitt & Colman, Grand Metropolitan and various newspaper and publishing groups.

Mr Keith Hamill, director of financial control at Guinness, yesterday welcomed Cadbury's move.

And today, the 100 Group, representing financial directors and companies of similar thinking, will formally argue its view against the draft proposals to the ASC. Tempus, page 24

Gilts hit by £1.50 fall after trade figures By George Siveli, London, and Susan Ellicott, Washington The gilt-edged market bore the DM2.8645 - up 1.59 plennigs cent in 1986. Mr Alan

brunt of City reaction to on the day. yesterday's announcement of the third worst monthly UK current account deficit.

Government stocks were the announcement of faster-down by up to £1.50 each at than-expected economic changes and stock markets were calmed by official explanations for the £1.9 billion current account deficit in January, more than double the revised £900 million for

December. Traders marked shares down sharply after the an-

nouncement. But as official explanations of large one-off diamond imports and the December Felixstowe dock strike gained ground in the City, stock markets recovered. By the end of the day the FT-SE 100 index was up 0.6 of a point at 2,255.4 and the pound was up 0.3 on the tradeweighted index at 89.9.

Against the mark the pound

just after the trade figures were

Against the dollar, sterling slipped 0.8 of a cent to \$1.6905 but the dollar was helped by the close but foreign ex- growth in the US over the final quarter of 1989. This sent Wall Street up 25 points in early dealings which helped the London recovery.

The US economy grew 0.9

Stock markets. months of last year, but economic performance is at its

weakest in three years. Bond prices eased after the mexpected improvement in the GNP data. But economists said the fourth-quarter growth rate was still dismally low. The final quarter of 1989

showed the weakest economic growth since an 0.8 per cent expansion rate from July to had slipped to almost DM2.84 September 1986. The annual expansion rate

Greenspan, the chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, told the House Budget Com-mittee he saw slow but pos-itive growth for the first quar-ter of this year. His testimony indicated the Fed is unlikely to ease interest rates soon.

The US Commerce Department reported that the US economy grew at an inflationadjusted rate of 3.0 per cent last year, compared with 4.4 per cent in 1988 and 3.7 per cent in 1987. The government revised its figure for fourthquarter GNP upward from a previously reported 0.5 per cent because of an increase in exports. Economists had predicted a downward revision to

Another influence on world foreign exchanges was the Japanese government statement that interest rate decisions would be left to the Bank of Japan. Analysts ex-pect a rise from 4.25 per cent to above 5 per cent, probably announced before ending at was the slowest since 2.7 per in two stages.

Shearson cuts 2,000 more jobs

From James Bone New York

Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc, the US investment firm attempting to stave off a credit downgrading, yesterday announced a new round of redundancies to reduce its staff by a further 2,000. The cuts add to 800 redundancies announced late last year.

At that time, Shearson, the second largest American sec-Lyuch, had 38,500 employees worldwide. Details about possible job losses in Britain were not immediately available.

The redundancies were part of a cost-cutting drive to save \$400 million a year. The company was conducting a possible rationalization plan that may result in cutting back or selling businesses, or entering into partnerships.

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OFT advice over-ruled on Ransomes and Westwood deal

Ridley rides into lawnmower merger end of 1982, there was an MMC

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

For the first time, the Trade Secretary of the day has rejected the advice of Sir Gordon Borrie, the Director General of Fair Trading, purely on compension grounds. Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Trade Secretary, is worried about a merger agreed last August which has apparently created a high market share in ride-on

Sir Gordon recommended there was no need for the Monopolies and Mergers Commission (MMC) to look into the agreed merger between Ransomes of Ipswich, Europe's largest maker of grasscutting machinery, and Westwood En-gineering, owner of Laser Lawamowers.

The acquisition of Westwood, of Plymouth, for £9 million brought more capacity in sit-on mowers and garden tractors to Rangomes. One reason Mr Ridley was worried about market share was that the Office of Fair Trading had

encountered "uncertainties" when establishing the sizes of such shares. He had a further concern over the possible effects of the merger on the distribution of other types of domestic lawamower.

It is a matter for speculation whether this possible storm in a grassbox has partly arisen because Mr Ridley has some inkling of the ways of the ride-on hwnmower industry. He is keen on country life and lists in Who's Who gardening among his leisure interests, as well as fishing, architecture and painting.

His move brings in a modest piece of Whitehall history. There have been two previous occasions during Sir Gordon's years at the OFT since 1979 when his commendations were not followed by the reigning Trade Secretary, but neither revolved around a purely competition

Lord Cockfield, as Trade Secretary, was involved on both occasions. At the

investigation of a proposed purchase in the wool textiles industry of Illingworth Morris by a single director of another company, Abele. Lord Cockfield had taken into account as relevant factors not only the unusual individual bidder situation but that Illingworth Morris was a leading employer and important manufacturer in the industry, both factors he considered raised issues of public interest. This proposal was sub-

sequently cleared by the MMC. In 1983, there was a proposed acquisition of Sotheby Parke Bernet, parent of Sotheby's, the fine art house. Lord Cockfield believed it was a matter of public interest because London was a key centre of the art market with Sotheby's playing an important role.

In the course of the investigation by the MMC, the bid for Sotheby Parke Bernet was abandoned.

Cadbury drinks to end of sweet life

well!" - Cadbury Schweppes Cadbury made a number of has turned from a chocolate-based group into a beveragesbased one. For the first time, soft drink sales and trading profits have overtaken the confectionery side with a respective 57 per cent and 53 per cent contribution to results.

Cadbury, led by chairman Sir Graham Day and chief executive Dominic Cadbury, has also taken a stand against Accounting Standards Commistee proposals on capitalizing the value of acquired brands and has added £307 million on to the 1989 balance sheet. The effect is to help swellshareholders' funds which allow the group to advertise a gearing ratio of 62.4 per cent instead of 110 per cent.

And Cadbury has topped expectations with £251 million pre-tax profits (£215.7 million). The published net earnings growth was 6.1 per cent, reflecting accounting ad-vantages in 1988, though underlying growth was 17.1 per cent. The final rises from 6.8p to 7.9p a share, making 10.7p (9.2p) for the year.

Last year was a mixture of good and not so good. There was a break on British confectionery profits because of the hot weather and capacity problems. The group was taken off the Arab boycott list and re-entered the Middle East market after 14 years.

in Benidorm.

complementary acquisitions, launched new products in Australia and tied up a Canada Dry distribution agreement for Japan.

The strong cyclical balance and prospect of solid organic growth should carry profits this year to £290 million. The General Cinema stake

at 16.8 per cent has lost much of its market fizz and the bid premium has come out of the shares. Last July, they peaked at 462p. Yesterday, they were unchanged at 317p, and they have under-performed the market by 15 per cent over 12 months. However, on 11.9 times prospective earnings, backed by a current 4.5 per cent yield, they are beginning

Ansbacher

Henry Ansbacher, the merchant banking group, handsomely made up for any disappointment at its halftime figures, storming home with a strong second-half performance which boosted full-year profits to £10.1 million after £7.2 million last time. The figures were well ahead of market expectations and lifted the shares 2p to

75p.
The interim profits, more down at £2.2 than a quarter down at £2.2 million, were deflated by



Taste of success: Sir Graham Day, left, and Dominic Cadbury announce results yesterday

Ansbacher's ulta-conservative cash accounting system on work in progress and accruals, which counts profits only when they are in the

But the group was firing on all cylinders throughout the year. It looks set for further progress to perhaps £14 million in the current year now that its restructuring is complete with the disposal of the' insurance broking interests and its collection of niche activities is operating at high levels of activity.

Ansbacher's shares are tightly held - Groupe Bruxelles Lambert and Pargesa hold 62 per cent - and are

ming Ansbacher matches 1990 expectations. But, sooner or later, it will be logical for Ansbacher to free, up the market by making a significant acquisition for of abating.

Commercial Union: Composite insurance companies, it tributed profits of £102 milturns out, are not all recling towards bankruptcy as a result

CU and GA

of the weather. CU clearly does not see a crisis in worsening underwriting re-The 13 per cent rise in

dividend to 21.5p, contrasted with a 25 per cent drop in earnings to an almost identical trading at a p/e of 15, 21.7p per share, is a notable

expression of blithe confidence in front of a year when premium rates are still under pressure and the pace of "catastrophes" shows no sign The payout rests more

firmly on the underrated life assurance element in CU's composite mix, which conlion (up an underlying 12 per cent) to the group pre-tax total of £151 million. Despite the full payout,

unrealized investment gains helped raise investors funds to £1.7 billion, boosting asset value 33 per cent to 400p. CU has also given for the first time a valuation of its life businesses, including embed-

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£1.5 billion, less than a third of which is included in the balance sheet. In a bid situation, CU would therefore be able to claim an asset value of about 640p per share against yesterday's 473p share price.
General Accident: Despite
problems with hurricane Hugo and an alarming fourth quarter in Britain, GA still has superior underwriting performance to that of CU and not just in the US.

ded and appraisal value of

future business, of more than

The underwriting loss of 6.6 per cent of premiums last year compared with nearly 10 per cent at CU. But the halving of pre-tax profit to £147 million looks worse because life assurance is relatively small and the group has created problems through strategic expansion moves. Its estate agent business lost £20.5 million and the NZI banking operations in Australasia, though now improving, lost £48 million for the full year.

The shares, down 47p to 1058p, sell at 16.2 time earnings and yield 6.4 per cent on the 50p dividend, which has been raised by 13.6 per cent and is still 1.3 times

The underwriting prospect is still poor, but GA should be helped by eliminating the Hugo effect, which cost £74 million, and drastically cutting NZI losses.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

TKM drives ahead

Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn (Holdings), the motor distribu-tion group controlled by Sir Ron Brierley, the New Zeatand trepreneur, reports a record pre-tax profit of £52.6 million (£44.1 million) for the year ended December. Group turnover crossed the £1 billion level for the first time and reached £1.07 billion. This compares with £984.6 million of sales generated

The final dividend is raised from 3p to 3.5p a share, making 5p (4p). TKM says the current year has started encouragingly. The net interest charge was £8.49 million compared with £7.14 million, and fully diluted net earnings turned out at 14.5p (11.7p) a share. TKM has achieved a compound growth in earnings of 55.2 per cent per year since 1985. The shares

cider sales

Cider sales last year were 9.3 per cent higher than in 1988, creating record production of 67.66 million gallons, a 1 per cent rise on the previous best year of 1983. The figures will appear in the annual cider survey by Showerings, due out this mouth. Mr Lyn Hoghes, Showerings' head of brands marketing, said the results show how relices the industry still is on warm

Rosy year for Hoskyns buys from Conder

Hoskyns Group, the co puter services company, has acquired Conder Technology from Conder Group, the construction and property an initial payment of £100,000, with an additional payment of up to £400,000 depending on 1990 business levels. Conder Technology, which supplies geographic information systems, had a turnover of £870,000 in 1989.

Hi-Tec predicts £6.4m

Mr Frank van Wezel, chairman of Hi-Tec Sports, Britain's leading sports shoe supplier, said that full-year results are likely to be above expectations. Mr van Wezel predicted pre-tax profits of about £6.4 million, £200,090 ahead of half-way expectations. This was parity due to a contribution from Cofex, the new Dutch leisure clothing subsidiary. The company said last October that the the British trading

nt was an important factor influencing perfor mance. Mr van Wezel said the performance had been creditable in the circumstances. Mr Derek Watson, formerly a partner at KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, has be inted finance director and Lazard Brothers financial adviser. The shares eased by 2p to 78p, after 83p.

Peak £23.9m Law stationer by Hoechst

Hoodes UK has assessed en in hest much ever in Britain, Mr Arno Baltzer, chief executive, said the group is still searching for a major buy but will more

ends on form

Stat-Plus, the USM-quotes a record year with pro-tax law and office stationery profits up 26 per cent to retailer, increased pre-tax £23.9 million on sales up 8 profits by 5.5 per cent to per cent to £814 million by £5.32 million on turnover companies in the UK. down from £12.6 million to down from £12.6 million to Hoechst said January had £11.9 million for the year to end-December. Earnings per share climbed from 15.1p to 16.2p, while the final dividend increased from 2.25p to 3.75p, making 5.5p. The likely shortly amounce joint company said that sales in deals with existing com- law forms and specialist stationery had improved.

Eagle sells properties

Eagle Trust, the heavily indebted engineering and film camera group, has sold virtually all its non-operational property in the Midlands to Gidney Securities, a private company in Birmingham, for £3.28 million net. The proceeds was above book value of £2.67 million.

The sale covered the majority of the properties of Haybridge Developments and Esgle Estates (UK) as well as Midlands properties of Smithko, Midland City Partnership and Eagle Trust itself, plus the business and assets of Residential Investment Properties, which runs a nursing home. Eagle Trust is due to publish its long-delayed 1988

accounts next week. CBI drive to give business the edge

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Industry has launched a £1 million programme intended to persuade chief executives of British companies to question their management style in the search for improved performance.

The programme, a series of videos of businessmen who have used their management style to give their companies an edge over their rivals, has been co-sponsored by the Department of Employment Training Agency and IBM.

It will be launched this week. Eleven seminars on the ogramme, *The Edge*, will be held throughout the country. It is one of the most embitions and costly training pro-

The Confederation of British grammes ever devised by the Industry has launched a £1 CBL

Mr John Banham, the CBI director-general, said: "The CBI is committed to success. The Edge provides the opportunity for businesses all over the country to do that by learning at first-hand the secrets that lie behind five British success stories. These show how, in each case, the chief executive helped create the conditions for success.

"The contribution of senior management to our economy is still not properly appreciated, yet Britain's inter-national competitiveness depends on the chief executives of 1,000 or so of our leading

Turrover climbed by 13 per cent to £7.65m. There was an extraordinary loss of £115,000 from the sale of the custom analogue console business.

Turnover advanced by 28 per cent to £34.9m. The company said the second half has started well,

except for residential property.

Plans for two further stores, one

COMPANY BRIEFS

AMS INDUSTRIES (Fin) Fre-tax: 20.51m (20.26m) EPS: 1.07p (0.61p) Div: 1p mkg 1.5p (1.5p) Pre-tax: £2.67m (£2.63m) EPS: 5.9p (6.9p) Div: 2.3p (2.2p) GRAFTON GROUP (Fin) Pro-tax: i£3.8m (f£2.2m) EPS: 19.2p (13.3p) Div: 3p mkg 5p (4p) PORVAIR (Fin) Pre-tax: £0.76m (£1.35m) EPS: 6.3p (13.3p) Div: 1.8p mkg 2.7p MDCROFE M REPRO (trt) Pro-tax: £3.26m (£2.45m) EPS: 5.8p (4.7p) Oh: 1.5p (1.13p) Pro-tax: Loss \$41 Am LPS: 57.8c (61.2c) SHELDON JONES (Int) Pro-tex: 20.14m (20.11m) EPS: 1.8p (1.5p) Div: 1.35p (1.35p)

Pre-tex: £1.71m (£0.82m) EPS: 6.7p (6.2p) Div: 2.75 mkg 3.75p Pre-tax: £0.07m EPS: 0.64p (4.45p LPS) Div: none NOREX (int) Pre-tex: £1.11m (£0.70m) EPS: 0.7p (0.01p) Div: none CRESTON (Int) Pre-tace £0.25m (20.26m) EPS: 0.86p adj (1.17p) Dw: 0.7p (0.7p)

In south Dublin and one in Cork, are at an advanced stage. Turnove increased to 1269.1m (1253.2m). Last year's total dividend was 1.8o. Chairman said the problems of 1989 are now behind the group. Exports account for 85 per cent of sales. Turnover advanced by 50 per cent to £15m. The company says it has seen further progress in sales and profits in Britain and America. Last year's pre-tax loss was \$25.9m. The fully-diluted loss per share is reduced from 56.2c to 53.2c. Turnover falls to \$96.1m (\$115.6m). The company said that its pet food subsidiaries continued to grow, but the cost of commissioning new plant was higher than anticipated. Last year, company made a single dividend payment of 2.5p. Group turnover rises to £7.65m (£2.57m). Interest gain at £385,000 (£147,000). Last year's pre-tax loss amounted to £493,000. Group turnover climbed to £6.13m (£4.87m). The antenna production is seeing improvement. There is an extraordinary credit of £100,000 relating to the release of a bad debt provision no longer required. Turnover £17.9m (£29.2m). The company said that orders and inquiries continue to be buoyant at Aluminium & Timber, but there are

ncreasing signs of a squeeze.

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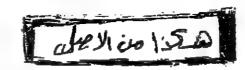
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CU and GA weather flood of storm claims

and floods of the past five

Mr Tony Brend, chief executive of Commercial Union, estimated that the storms of January 25-27 would cost CU £40 million in Britain and on the Continent, But half of this was to reinstate the company's catastrophe reinsurance.

Total claims to CU have already reached 90,000, nearly as many as the final total for the October, 1987, storm.

Mr Nelson Robertson, chief general manager of General Accident, said claims for the January storms were esti-mated at between £70 million and £80 million but would

He suggested that, including further bad weather and this week's storms and floods, the total net cost might be £30 million. Neither company yet plans higher premiums be-cause of market competition.

Both CU and GA reported sharply lower profits for 1989, mainly due to increased underwriting losses. These were partly due to the series of weather-related catastrophes worldwide, but there was also general increase in UK claims in the fourth quarter.

Mr Brend said that few of the 80 countries in which CU operated had not experienced exceptional weather conditions in the past year. Hurri- 13.6 per cent to 50p per share

Leading composite insurance companies have suffered substantial but not catastrophic losses as a result of the storms

only result in a loss of £15 cane Hugo cost CU £20 million, while GA must find £74 million because it had big operations in the worst-affected Caribbean area. Reins-urance has since been raised.

Overall, CU's pre-tax profits dropped 25 per cent to £150.5 million in 1989 after a rise in underwriting losses from £129 million to £245 million. Of this, £161 million (against £109 million) was in the US and £8.1 million (against a profit of £40.8 million) in the UK.

But CU has raised its dividend 13 per cent to 21.5p, out of earnings of 21.7p per share because of the strength of its life assurance interests which contributed £102 million.

GA also raised dividends by

although pre-tax profits slumped by half to £147 million. This was much worse then expected and GA shares dropped 47p to 1058p.

Life profits rose to £27 million with an additional £10 million from a change in reporting which brings GA into line with other companies.

But GA was hit by a £48 million full-year loss from the NZI banking operations in New Zealand, bought in July 1988, and a £20.5 million loss against £1.2 million profit) from its estate agency busiin the second half and GA expects more improvement.

Both companies expect 1990 to be another tough year for general insurance.

may be sold for £350m

Crest

Bass, the brewing and hotel group, has put its Crest hotel chain up for sale in order to concentrate on Holking Inns. Bass has put no price tag on the 47 hotels but the chain, which is being sold by Schroders, is expected to fetch about £350 million.

One factor which may depress the price Bass achieves is the number of hotels on the market. Queens Most won its £157 million battle for Norfolk Capital this week and Embassy, Allied-Lyons' hotel chain, is up for sale. Both Trusthouse Forte and Ladbroke are believed to have hotels on the market.

The money raised from the sale of Crest would help to reduce the company's debt in the short term. In August last year Bass spent \$2 billion buying the Holiday Inns chain in the US. At the end of this financial year its gearing ratio will be about 70 per cent.

The Crest hotel chain comprises 43 hotels in Britain and four in Holland. A total of 5,100 bedrooms will be sold.

Bass is converting eight Crest hotels at Gatwick, Maidenhead, Edinburgh, Leeds, Amsterdam, Antwerp, Florence and Bologna into Holiday Inns. In addition two hotels which are managed by Crest and five which are being developed by Crest will become Holiday Inns, with one other Bass property.

Mr Ian Prosser, chairman of Bass, said: "Crest is an excell-ent hotel brand with an outstanding reputation. However our future hotel development strategy will be totally focused on the expansion of the Holi-day lnn brand."

Baltic surges

Baltic, the asset finance and property group, increased its pre-tax profit by 25 per cent to £14.8 million for the year to end-December. It is offering a final dividend of 2.3p, taking the total for the year 19 per cent higher to 4p. The company's leasing book continued to grow and stood at £187 million at the year-end.

COMMENT

Abbey rings changes with some good news

some good news for a change. After a miserable flotation last July, and the weight of bad press it received when

the company was the first to hike its mortgage rate two weeks ago, it seemed they could get nothing right.

Pre-tax profits of £501 million in 1989, up 21 per cent, were £11 million above the City's highest forecasts. Admittedly, they contained £51 million of interest from the £975 million Abbey mised at the float but green if this is raised at the float, but even if this is accounted for, the growth is still more than 12 per cent.

Abbey remains a pre-eminent mort-gage provider. Even in the tricky conditions of 1989, it still managed a net rise in lending of £4.2 billion, up 24 per cent from last year. The dearth of new mortgages was made up by a surge in remortgage and home improvement lending, backed by heavy marketing and innovative products. As a result, the market share grew from 8.4 per cent to 11.9 per cent.

On the savings side, however, the picture is less rosy and shows why the

he board of Abbey National must Abbey felt it so vital to raise rates. The have been overjoyed to announce company's share of the liquid savings market slumped from 9.8 to 4 per cent. While some of this was due to people using their savings to take part in the flotation, there has been a clear flight to

Abbey still relies on retail deposits for up to 30 per cent of its funds. Its treasury operation is still finding its feet and it cannot afford to alienate savers, even if it is prepared to take the risk with

The company is starting to flex its new plc muscle. Some ventures, like Cornerstone estate agents, which lost £16 million, have proved difficult. Others, like Ficofrance, the new French mortgage subsidiary, have yet to show their worth. At least the company approaches the dangers of expansion from a solid base.

The final dividend of 5.7p is twothirds of the amount Abbey might have paid had it been public all year. The shares, at 189p, have a notional yield of 6 per cent. With profits likely to be more than £605 million in 1990, the prospective p/e ratio is six. Still good value.

Misplaced emphasis at SE

s wider share ownership an im-portant objective for the Stock Exchange and its members? It is hard to believe so from the report of the Review Committee on Initial Public Offers, chaired by by Mr Graham Ross Russell of CCF Laurence Prust.

The main thrust of the review committee's recommendations is to increase the role of placings and partial placings still further as a means of floating companies. This will reduce underwriting costs with a view to increasing the international competitiveness of London's capital markets in the approach to 1992.

Whether the authorities should be competing to attract foreign companies to float in London is questionable. The record of International Signal & Control and Mrs Fields suggests that there are good reasons why certain companies launch their Initial Public Offer away from their home turf.

But the promotion of wider share ownership appears to be somebody else's problem. Mr Ross Russell bemoaned the fact that most of the 11 million individuals who now own shares as a result of privatization issues would not know what a stockbroker was let alone use one. He looked forward to

the day when every bank branch had a clerk to help its customers buy and sell their shares.

There is a minor task for the Stock-Exchange in doing away with the tire-some business of paper settlement. But in general it appears that promoting wider share ownership is not something members need to be bothered about.

That is a somewhat naive view. Control over the distribution of financial products is absolutely central to selling them to the public. The banks and building societies have developed their branch network to take deposits and make loans. Provided the commissions are sufficiently lucrative, they may be persuaded to sell unit trusts and life

A couple of banks and building societies have even set up low cost dealing services for those customers who ask, but the number who do so is tiny. Barclayshare, for example, has only 21,000 on its books. But neither the banks nor the building societies are going to the huge expense of persuading people to buy shares, rather than, say, life assurance. If the Stock Exchange feels that deepening share ownership is not a task for its own members, then it is not going to happen.

Manganese hails taxi's success

By Philip Pangales

Record orders for the new Fairway taxi boosted profits at Manganese Bronze Holdings, the industrial holding com-pany that makes the London

Pre-tax profits advanced 21 per cent to £1.78 million is the six months to end-January, on group turnover ahead 31 per cent to £40.2 million.

Earnings per share rose 19 per cent to 10.75p. The interim dividend in 3.5p (3p).

Mr Jamie Borwick, the managing director, said the lavestment in the Fairway, which involved improvements in the design of the taxi, had heen successful in the vehicles Orders have increased, with

the production rate now up to 70 vehicles a week. Overseas orders account for 7 per cent of business, with markets includ-ing Kenya and Japan. Mr Borwick said the found-

ries and powder metals di-visious had healthy order books and had benefited from recent group expansion. The company has just re-ceived an order to supply 8,000 doors for the London Under-

The shares firmed by 3p to



Deals on wheels: Jamie Borwick, of Manganese, in the taxi which serves as his mobile office

Leigh seeks £35m | Lasmo doubles to from shareholders a post-tax £60m

By Melinda Wittstock

Protection Bill.

waste disposal group which handled toxic waste from the freighter Karin B last year, has turned to its shareholders to raise £35.6 million by way of a one-for-

three rights issue at 290p. Shares in Leigh, which has forecast a 38 per cent rise in pre-tax profits to a record £8.3 million for the year to end-March, fell 17p to 345p on news of the cash call, which is underwritten by Kleinwort

The company, British market leader in the treatment of hazardons and toxic waste. plans to put most of the proceeds towards a £30 million plan to upgrade and expand its treatment facilities, with the remainder to be used to repay group borrowings of £11.9 million. The group,

Leigh Interests, the West Mid- which has forecast a 21.7 per Lasmo, the aggressive British result of Lasmo's £358 million cent rise in earnings per share independent oil exploration to 16.8p, said demand for its and production group, has services is likely to increase as more than doubled its 1989 post-tax profits from £28 mila result of the Environmental lion to £60 million thanks to higher crude oil prices, a stronger dollar and a signifi-cant rise in production. Under the Bill, producers of

waste will have more responsibility for its safe disposal. The number of barrels prowhile under new Government regulations they will be obliged to reduce the amount duced each day ruse by 36 per cent to 71,800, while the of waste being discharged into average crude oil price inthe North Sea. creased 26 per cent over the previous year's average to £10.76 per barrel.

TThe company has forecast a final dividend of 4.88p net, representing an increase of 16.2 per cent. The interim Pre-tax profits for the year were up from £15.8 million to dividend was 2.22p. £80.3 million on a turnover up Leigh is issuing 12.65 million new ordinary shares to from £149.7 million to £263.4 million, while earnings per share jumped from 12p to ordinary and preference shareholders at 290p. Preference shareholders will receive one

Oil and gas reserves have increased by 68 per cent to 433 million barrels, largely as a

optional extras were received.

acquisition of Thomson North Sea in 1989 as well as continued international diversification of its exploration

Lasmo said cash flow from operations after tax more than tripled to £147 million, with net indebtedness amounting to £14 million by the year-end.

Following what Lasmo described as a "substantial" increase in its financial reserves in recent years, it has opted to reduce an imbalance between issued share capital and reserves through a onefor-two bonus issue of fullypaid ordinary shares.

But the 1989 final dividend of 8.25p, which makes a total of 11.25p for the year against 8.5p last time, will not be payable on the bonus shares which start trading on May 1.

TWELVE UNAUDITED REVIEW

ASSURANCE

Dividend increase 13%

- ★ Shareholders' funds increased by 35% to £1,708m.
- ★ Operating profit before taxation £150.5m (1988 £201.8m).
- ★ Hurricane Hugo and exceptional weather claims in the United States cost £39m. Competition increased in non-life markets.
- ★ Life profits increased to £102.0m (1988 £83.7m).
- ★ Good profit contribution from the United Kingdom and Netherlands.

HIGHLIGHTS 12 months 12 months Total premium income £3,524.7m £2,991.2m + 18% £150.5m Operating profit before taxation £201.8m -25%Operating profit after taxation £92.0m £121.6m -24%Earnings per share 21.7p 28.9p -25%Net assets per share 400p 301p +33% Dividend per share 21.5p 19.0p + 13%

The Board is proposing a final dividend of 13.35p per share making a roral for the year of 21.5p per share (1988 19.0p). The final dividend will be paid on 17 May 1990 to shareholders on the register at the close of business on 12 April 1990. The proposed final dividend will cost £56.9m (1988 £49.5m). The proposed Group reorganisation, which was announced in November 1989, is subject to approval by shareholders at meetings to be held on 17 April 1990 and full densits will be sent with the 1989 Report and Accounts. For reasons associated with this seorganisation it will not be possible to offer new ordinary shares in lieu of the 1989 final dividend.

This amnouncement does not constitute full group accounts for the year. Copies of the full group accounts, which have not yet been reported on by the auditors, will be circulated to shareholders on 22 March 1990 and delivered to the Registrar of Companies after approval at the Annual General Meeting which will be held on 17 April 1990.



Commercial Union Assurance Company plc

Price 1S right

The gap left by the departure two weeks ago of top agencies analyst Richard Dale from James Capel - now starting his own investor relations business - has already been filled. Stepping into his shoes will be Quintin Price, at present head of options research at Capel, where the options team won the top slot in the latest Extel survey. Price, aged 28, will be working beside the firm's remaining number one ranked agencies analyst, Neil Blackley, who has held that spot in both the Extel and Institutional Investor surveys for five years.
"I've always been fascinated by the media - in fact when I left university it was a toss-up as to whether I would go into advertising or banking," ex-plains Price of his internal switch, effective from April 2. The world of finance won initially, since it was "the devil I knew - it was in the family my father was a general man-ager for Standard Chartered and my brother works for J P Morgan." Supporting his stated love of all things connected with the media, Price will be celebrating the publica-tion of his book Warrants, Options and Convertibles at the end of March with a party at that favoured watering hole

of admen and journalists The Groucho Club. Balfour declares

With Roddy Balfour one of two directors to resign from Union Discount yesterday, the City is, if only temporarily,



Trixie a trifle too tacky vetoed as being "too tacky" after details of some of the

To celebrate the \$30 million acquisition of SFV, a Dallas wholesale fruit and vegetable distributor, by Polly Peck, Mark Ellis, Polly's corporate development director based in New York, had hoped to hold a party for the great and good of Dallas in that famous and apparently glamorous Texas residence near by - the Southfork ranch, so well known to somp fans. It is available for hire at \$1,500 a night, but the proposal was

new ordinary share for every 369p nominal held.

These included a JR look-qlike, who would pose for pictures with the gnests, and Miss Trixie, billed as the world's bawdiest saloon girl, who, said the owners, would "mingle with guests, tell jokes and teach the latest country and western dances." No surprise that Ellis says: "We're venue.

losing one of its more colourful characters. Balfour, aged 41, and related through marriage to television personality David Frost — Balfour's wife, Tessa, and Frost's wife, Carina, are sisters - tells me that



the changing face of Union Discount, now that the firm is involved in equity market-making and leasing, is the main factor behind his departure. The continuing decline of the gilt-edged market, in which he was directly in-volved, did not help. "I had been talking to Graeme Gilchrist (Union Discpunt's chief executive) for several months about my role within the group, which had become more and more difficult given the changes taking place. I have been very much party to the strategy of broadening Union Discount's base but in a sense I suppose I helped tie the noose around my own neck." Balfour, who has worked all his life in the fixed interest market, is still pondering his next career move -"But I'm sure that it will be something with a financial gngie," he says.

Monstrous Morgan Peter Morgan, the Institute of

Directors' new director gen-

eral, may have made a big impact in yesterday's news-papers with his maiden speech to an IOD convention. But last Friday he left members of its Northern Ireland branch stunned into an embarrassed silence. Addressing 500 members and their guests, including Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Brooke and Belfast's Roman Catholic bishop, Cahal Daly, at their annual dinner, Morgan called for the abolition of the inheritance tax. "What does the Government do with the money it raises from the tax anyway, except waste it on the pay of bospital porters and the like?" he asked rhetorically. Brooke was visibly observed to avert his eyes heavenward and many of the members were deeply angered by the remark. "We may be company directors but that does not make us insensitive and uncaring about the plight of lowly-paid members of the public services," said one senior member who left the room in disgust. "Least of all in Belfast would anyone regard hospital porters or other health service ancillaries as a waste. He came over as rude and patronising -- and he told some very bad jokes."

 One City worthy has suggested a solution to the apparent problem lawyers had in finding 12 good men and true to comprise the jury for the lengthy Guinness trial. estate agents," he

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C&W adds to conditions of CITIC loan

Cable and Wireless is to add to the conditions of the loan with which China International Trust and Investment Corp (CITIC) will buy 20 per cent of

Hongkong Telecommunications, its subsidiary.

C&W will provide an undertaking term to the covered warrants, part of the finance facility. In this, Morgan Stanley and Barclays de Zoeu Wedd will issue a HKSI billion (£763, million) five. billion (£76.3 million) fiveyear covered warrant on 6 per cent of HK Telecom shares

behalf of CTTIC.
The proceeds of exercised covered warrants will be used to repay a \$220 million fiveyear zero-coupon facility. The financing package also in-cludes a HK\$5.4 billion 10-



General Accident

RESULTS FOR 1989

The audited accounts for the year to 31st December 1989 will be published on 9th April 1990, but preliminary and unaudited figures for 1989, with actual figures for 1988, are as follows:-

	1989 £M	1988 £M
Premium Income General Business Long Term Business	3,100.2 381.3	2,554.1 292.5
	3,481.5	2,846.6
Investment Income NZI Bank Result Estate Agency Result Underwriting – General Business Result Long Term Business Profits	462.7 (47.6) (20.5) (203.8) 26.9	352.7 (16.9) 1.2 (32.8) 17.8
Less Interest on Loans	217.7 64.5	322.0 20.3
Less U.K. Employee Profit Sharing Scheme	153.1 6.2	301.7 7.6
Profit before Taxation Taxation – U.K. and Overseas	147.0 32.1	294.1 80.3
Profit after Taxation Minority Interests and Preference Dividends	114.9 (13.7)	213.8 (0.7)
Long Term Business Profits - GA Life 1988 Valuation	128.6 9.5	214.5
Profit for the year available to Ordinary Shareholders	138.1	214.5
Earnings per Share Dividend per Share Net Assets per Share	65.3p 50.9p 1198p	107.6p 44.0p 915p
Principal exchange rates used in translating overseas results U.S.A. Canada	\$1.61 \$1.57	\$1.81 \$2.15

(1) The result is stated after a notional contribution to the UK Pension Funds of £15.6m (1988 - nil) in accordance with SSAP 24.

(2) The transfer of shareholders' profit from the long-term business fund is now stated gross of taxation and on a current year basis (1989). The transfer arising from the GA Life 1988 valuation is stated net of taxation.

(3) Investment income excludes £12.6m (1988 £10.4m) representing amortisation of U.S. deep discount bonds which under the U.S.A. accounting conventions would be

(4) The above figures include the results of the NZI Corporation Limited with effect from its acquisition on 26th July 1988.

(5) The NZI Bank result includes gains and losses both realised and unrealised on investments held for trading purposes.

Analysis by Territory of General Business Premium Income and Underwriting Result

1989		1988	
Income	Income Result		Linderwriting Result
£M	£M	EM	EM
1.043.5	4.7		45.8
918.4	(84.4)	812.2	(41.9)
171.9	(25.4)	141.4	(14.8)
		292.1	(7.3)
		174.7	(1.4)
105.7	(5.8)	81.3	(0.9)
117.0	(50.7)	106.7	(12.3)
3,100.2	(203.8)	2,554.1	(32.8)
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Life Department

There was an increased contribution to profit and loss account from our long term funds, which also recorded UK new business production as follows:

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	1989 £M	1988 £M
New Life and Annuity Premiums Annual Single	53.2 41.7	46.7 36.6
New business Single Premiums include £7.9m Department of payments in respect of personal pensions.	Social	Security

Final Dividend for the year ended 31st December 1989

The Directors have decided to recommend to the shareholders at the Annual General Meeting to be held on 2nd May 1990, a final dividend on the Ordinary Shares of 32.5p per share (1988 28.5p) payable on or after 1st July 1990, to shareholders on the Register of Members at close of business on 27th April 1990. The total dividend for the year of 50.0p per share (1988 44.0p per share) will cost £106.5m (1988 £92.4m). The Directors propose to continue the scrip dividend arrangement.

The net asset value of the group at the year end was £2,552m (1988 £1,922m).

Establishment of New Holding Company

The Board intends to put forward proposals to establish a new non-insurance holding company for the Group by way of a Scheme of Arrangement. As part of these proposals it is intended that all the 250,000 5.5 per cent, cumulative preference shares of £1 each in the Corporation be repaid at par in accordance with their rights.

Details of these proposals, together with Notice of the necessary meetings to implement the Scheme of Arrangement, will be circulated in due course.

General Accident Fire and Life Assurance Corporation plc

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Court returns control of brewing assets to Bond

Alan Bond's Bond Brewing Holdings Limited, owner of the Bond group's prized brewing assets, is unclear after the removal of receivers and managers from the company by the Victorian supreme court.

Although management of BBH has returned to the Bond executive, the banking syn-dicate that applied for the receivership on December 29 was believed to be considering an appeal to Australia's high

The syndicate is facing a substantial damages claim from BBH which yesterday said the company and its collectors had suffered severe

damage from the receivership. Mr Peter Lucas, an executive director of Bond Corp Holdings, said the amount of the damages sought would relate to the "total damage" experienced by the company.

US investors in BBH also indicated they would proceed with their own winding-up application of BBH because the receivership had fruzen an interest payment, due last December, on Aus\$650 million (£293 million) BBH debentures.

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they were concerned that agement practices that led to the receivership action

Justices Kaye, Brooking and Murphy unanimously decided the order installing the re-



Justice Kaye said: "In our opinion, these companies

should never have been placed in receivership on December 29 nor should the receivership be continued on February 9.*

to a 48-bour hundover period

psychological victory for the Bond group which believes it may be the turning point in its

full court's decision did not come as a complete surprise, it was still nice to have order

He said any uncertainty about BBH was in the hands of other groups which could mount further action against

He added: "If they want to do that we will be ready again to defend our rights."

Mr Lucas said BBH's im-

mediate priority was to restart talks with potential buyers of the Swan, Castlemaine Per-kins and Tooheys breweries. BBH's banking syndicate, led by the National Australia Bank (NAB), was yesterday "considering its position."

The syndicate reacted to the dismissal of the receivers by

reminding the court that the NAB still had the power to appoint separate receivers to the individual browers.

Sources close to the syndicate said it was examining conditions attached to the court rating before deciding

on further action. Despite the Bond group regaining control of BBH, there are still protective mechanisms place to prevent BBH selling any of its assets without giving three days notice to its US investors.

This effectively acts in fa-wour of the banking syndicate because the money owed to the banks has to be paid before any funds are paid to the US investors. This undertaking was agreed to in the Comme

scored the attractiveness of

Britain for major inter-

national companies seeking a

European base for the single

Sharp, which has two manu-facturing facilities in Britain, aims to devote much of the centre's efforts to research into

information technology and

It is being funded with cash

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mainly from Sharp Electronics (UK) and 12.5 per cent

in West Germany and Spain.

market of 1992

optoelectronics.

It concluded that privatizations did not raise any new procedural matters The committee also gave the pricing mechanism of offers for sale and the under-

writing system a clean bill of

changes

Companies seeking flotation via an offer for sale will no longer be required to publish their prospectuses in two nat-

ional newspapers under pro-

posals announced yesterday by a Stock Exchange review

Also, placings would be-come more widespread. Even in large issues of more than £20 million only half would need to be offered for sale.

The committee of Stock

Exchange members and users, chaired by Mr Graham Ross Russell, of CCF Laurence:

Prust, was asked 12 months: ago to review new issue proce-dures with a view to preserv-

ing London's international competitiveness in the run-up to 1992.

The committee was also

told to take account of the privatization of water and electricity and the Stock En-change's wish to promote wider share ownership.

But it did suggest a number of changes which would reduce the expense of new issues and thus help improve the international competitives. of British capital markets. These include the dropping

of the requirement to add vertise offer prospectuses and lifting the £15 million limit for placings by listed companies.
Up to half of issues of more then £20 million could be placed, with only the balance offered for sale. As only the offered portion of the issue-would need to be sub-under-

written this would reduce For issues of between £10 million and £20 million, no more than £10 million could be placed and at least a quarter of the issue would either be offered for sale or offered to other member firms on a common besis for placing with their clients. For those under £10 million, the restrictions on placing shares with the sponsor's clients would be

cluded that improvements it the distribution and trading of shares were required. .

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Yearly Daily Yearly

Polly Peck issue Sharp to establish for buys of \$30m **R&D** centre in UK

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS ...

Polly Peck International, the International and Barcleys de fresh produce to electronics group headed by Mr Asil underwrite and place the new Nadir, is expanding its American fruit and vegetable operaother investors outside American investor tions with two acquisitions erica. worth a total of \$30.15 million, to be satisfied by the issue of 4.85 million new PPI ordinary shares.

PPI is buying the Standard Fruit & Vegetable Company, a wholesale fruit and vegetable distributor in Dallas, Texas, for \$23.25 million, and Propoo, whose principal asset is a property used in SFV's business, for \$6.9 million.

SFV, which supplies more than 360 supermarkets and institutional customers, had pre-tax profits of \$3.6 million in the 12 months to end-December, on net sales of \$76.6 million and net assets of \$10.5 million

Wholesaling operations account for about 80 per cent of

usiness, for \$6.9 million. Polly Peck shares rose 10p
Shearson Lehman Hutton to 396p.

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent Sharp, the Japanese electron- Minister at the Department of

ics company, is to establish a Trade and Industry, said the European centre for research company's decision under-European centre for research and development in Oxford.

The academic centre, which is to receive £10 million in start-up funding from the company, is to be headed by Dr Clive Bradley, Mrs Thatch-er's senior science and technology adviser at the Cabinet Office. Construction of Sharp Laboratories of Europe, which will emphasize scientific recruitment from Britain, will start this year at Magdalen College's newly-launched Ox-

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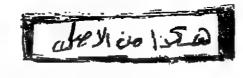
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STOCK MARKET Thorn falls on talk of US purchase

the television rental, lighting and leisure group, was poised to make a large acquisition in the US depressed the share price 12p to 697p, after touching 689p, in late trading.
There is talk that Thorn,

which owns EMI Records and Capitol-EMI Music, is ready to buy the music division of Warner Bros, the American film maker, in order to increase its exposure in the US. Dealers said the package could be worth up to \$750 million and would have to be financed by a fund-raising exercise. Last year, Thorn unsuccessfully tried to sell its defence interests. They were expected to fetch about £300 million but failed to attract a buyer. The sale plans were later

dropped.
The rest of the equity market was able to shrug off a worse-than-expected set of trade figures showing the January deficit widening to £1.88 billion - more than double the revised figure of £817 million for the previous

After the initial shock, it was decided that the figures had been distorted by an unusually large import of diamonds. The FT-SE 100 index, up almost 11 points at one stage, eventually closed 0.6 higher at 2,255.4 after another firm start to trading on Wall Street. The narrower FT Index of top 30 shares fell million.

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Suggestions that Thorn EMI, 0.1 to 1,781.4. However, turnover remained low, with just 365.9 million shares traded. But the trade figures took securities, which were left

nursing losses of £11/2. Among leaders, Marks and Spencer advanced 2½p to 2071/2p, cheered by an increase in the profits estimate from Warburg Securities, the broker. Despite the depressed conditions in the retail sector, several analysts have started to take an optimistic line on prospects at M&S.

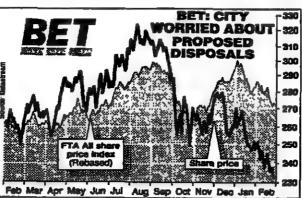
Amerikan International tumbled 32p to 301 ½p on talk of a brokers' profits downgrading. The group's fortunes have taken a turn for the worst

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in recent years, with profits in decline. Talk of a bid has also Letatodays

profit) this year.

Cadbury Schweppes, confectionery and soft drinks group, ended 2p lighter at after reporting pre-tax profits for the full year up from £216 million to £251



Polly Peck, the international trading group, and one of the Tempus naps for 1990, firmed 7p to 3921/2p. The group is paying \$30.2 million for Standard Fruit and Vegetable, the Texas whole-saler, and its associated property company. To help finance the deal, Shearson Lehman Hutton is placing almost 5 million shares in the market-place. Polly Peck has made a number of shrewd acquisitions recently, including the fruit packaging arm of Del Monte, the American food

disposal group, fell 17p to 345p on the news that it wants to reduce its level of debt. It is planning to raise £35.6 million by way of a one-for-three rights issue at 290p. The group is forecasting pre-tax profits for the current year to March 31 of at least £8.3 million, against £6 million last time.

minster Bank, 3p to 352p. Lasmo failed to hold on to suits showed pre-tax profits an early 13p lead, finishing 4p falling from £201.8 million to cheaper at 615p despite news £150.5 million. Most analysts of an increase in full-year net had been looking for a figure profits from £28 million to as low as £135 million. Windlmost £60 million and a one-

for-two scrip issue.

Dealers said the rest of the oil sector attracted early selective support, which soon dried up. Shell added 4p to 455½p after Smith New Court, the stockbroker, placed a large line of shares which had been overhanging the market for

Rises were also seen in BP, 1/2p to 337p, and Ultramar, 4p to 3631/2p, although Burman fell 2p to 6071/2p, Calor Group 4p to 308p, and Enterprise 9p to 617p. But the outlook for

Braik Organisation, which last mouth raised £357 million by way of a rights issu held steady at 764p. The group is to make a presentation to famil magers, who will want to know how Rank intends to spend the proceeds, Rank

wants more involvement in the

leisure industry.

the oil industry remains bright. This week, Kleinwort Benson, the stockbroker, forecast that the price of crude oil would rise to \$25 a barrel by 1992 and \$30 a barrel two

years later. Full-year figures from Commercial Union, kicking off the dividend season, brought only

falling from £201.8 million to £150.5 million. Most analysts storm damage cost the group an estimated £40 million. But

uncertainty about future pros-pects left the CU share price 2½p firmer at 477p. Full-year figures from rival General Accident made grim reading showing pre-tax profits falling from £294.1 million to £147 million. A number of partoral disesters have resulted

in underwriting losses totalling £78 million. Royal Insurance, reporting today, closed above its worst levels to finish 4p lighter at 495p. Falls were also seen in Sun Ailiance, 11p to 291p, and Guardian Royal Exchange, 7p to 230p.

Bass clawed back some early losses to end 9p lighter at 972½p helped by the news that it plans to sell its Crest

But falls were still seen in Alied-Lyons, 8p to 453p, Vanx Group, 3p to 252p, and Whithread 'A', 7p to 389p. Grand Metropolitan fell 1p to 570p, while Guinness firmed 12p to 661p ahead of figures next month. Scottish & Newcastle rose 4p to 313½p.

The British Kidney Patient Appropriation Investor jumped 10p to 305p after announcing it was in talks which could lead to a bid.

WALL STREET

New York (Renter) - Light little effect, according to funires related buying in thin trading helped push blue chip

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 16.21 points at holding a lead of two-to-one over decliners.

However, a big upward revision in fourth quarter US gross national product had tending towards the downside.

analysis. Miss Hildegard Zagorski, an analyst at Prudential-Bache, said: "The economy is not going into a recession, 50 interest rates are not coming

She added that the recent gain could be a technical bounce. So far, she thought it was a rebound in a market

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Tokyo under the market, share trad-Shares accord for the second ers discount the possibility of Japanese economy and further any extended bull runs as long aggravate the stock market's Trading volume of 700 day running yesterday, push-ing the Nikkei stock index million shares was bealthier than it has been. as the prospect of higher Japanese interest rates con-Mr Yoshio Shimoyama, tinues to dog the market.

almost back to where it was before Monday's collapse in Tokyo threatened to pull the rug from under world stock The resilience of London and Wall Street to Japan's

iitters has helped Tokyo get back on its feet, an unusual turning of the tables. The Tokyo market closed 694.04 points higher at

ed for bargains in a market

general manager of stock trading at Nikko Securities, said dividual investors, armed with increased liquidity from lower margin requirements, led the buying. Investment trust funds were also active.

Together with Tuesday's 576.08-point advance, the Nikkei has almost made up all the ground it lost on Monday, when it sank more than 1,500 34,591.99 as investors, helped when it sank more than 1,500 by Monday evening's easing points in its second worst fall of margin requirements, look-

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which looks like it may have the past two days may have istry officials have been fallen enough for the time established a temporary floor complaining that higher in-

The likelihood of another rate rise grew yesterday when Mr Ryutaru Hashimoto, the Finance Minister, indicated that he would consider a change in Japan's monetary policy if consulted by the Bank of Japan.

The central bank has been keen to raise borrowing costs to support the yea and choke off the threat of imported

Until now, Finance Min-

Nikkei soars close to pre-slump level terest rates could hurt the aggravate the stock market's

BET, the industrial services

group, finished unchanged at

238p as analysts continued to

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to better-than-expected figures with a rise of 4p to 189p. The first set of full-year figures

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lic last year revealed pro-tax

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contrast to those recently re-

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Bank, reporting today, added 5p to 568½p, Lloyds Bank, 2p to 288½p, Midland Bank, 2p

The figures were in stark

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However, they said terday that Japan had this week asked other members of the Group of Seven leading industrial nations to boost coordination to help prop up

The yen still looks sickly, but it managed to edge up vesterday after continued central bank support in currency murkete.

The dollar dipped 0.51 year to end the day at 148.52 yen, but dealers said support for the yen remained weak.

WORLD MARKETS Frankfurt wipes out losses to edge ahead

German shares recovered early losses during a moderate ion, with most shares end-

The DAX index of 30 leading shares closed 5.60 points higher at 1,809.92.

The market was somewhat volatile, lacking clear direc-tion, dealers said. Volume returned to moderate levels, after holidays kept trade slow at the start of the week.

Volkswagen closed DM3 lower at DM554 (£193) amid speculation that the company would set a rights issue. After the bourse closed VW said it

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Frankfurt (Reuter) - West would set a one-for-10 rights issue at a price to be

• Johannesburg - The overall share index rose to a preliminary 3,081 from Tues-day's 3,058 close, the all-gold index to 1,916 from 1,891 and the industrial index to 3,006 from 2,974. The market was helped by another rally on Wall Street and a further recovery in Tokyo, but trading was quiet, dealers said.

● Hong Kong - The Hang Seng index ended 19.36 points up at 2,951.98 and the Hone Kong index gained 12.62 to 1,936.63. The main index closed firmer supported by selective bargain-hunting in a few blue chips with local investors more cautious than

 Sydney - The All-Ordinaries index finished 4.8 points up at 1575.2. The market struggled to a slightly firmer finish in thin trade, largely ignoring the surge in Tokyo's Nikkei index, brokers said. ● Singapore — The Straits Times industrial index rose

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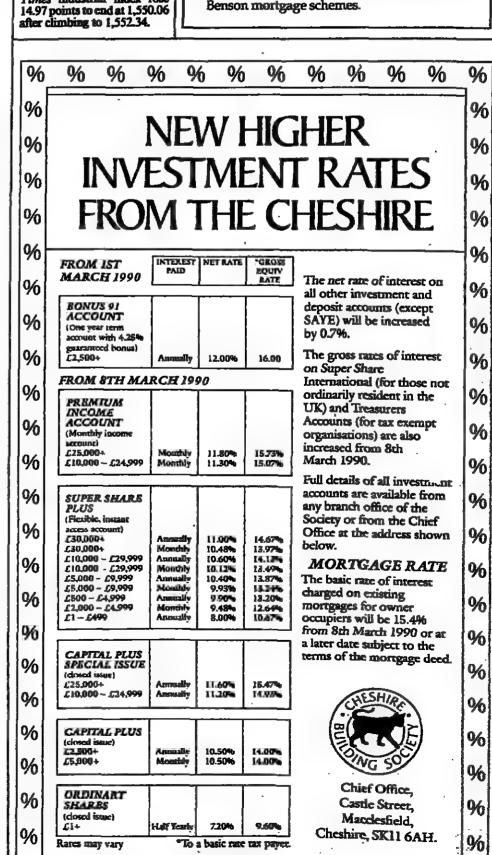
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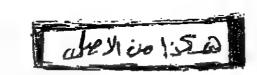
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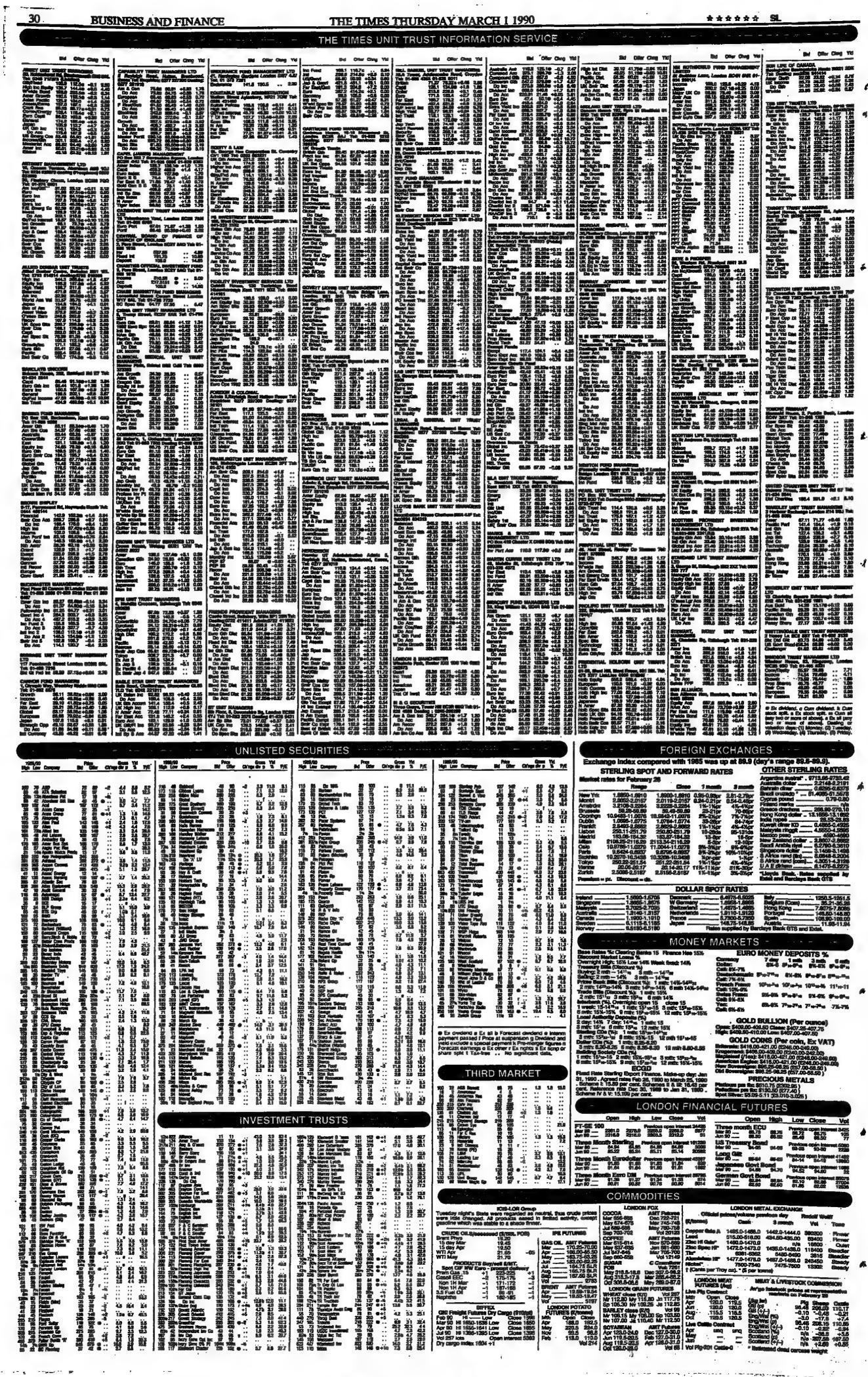
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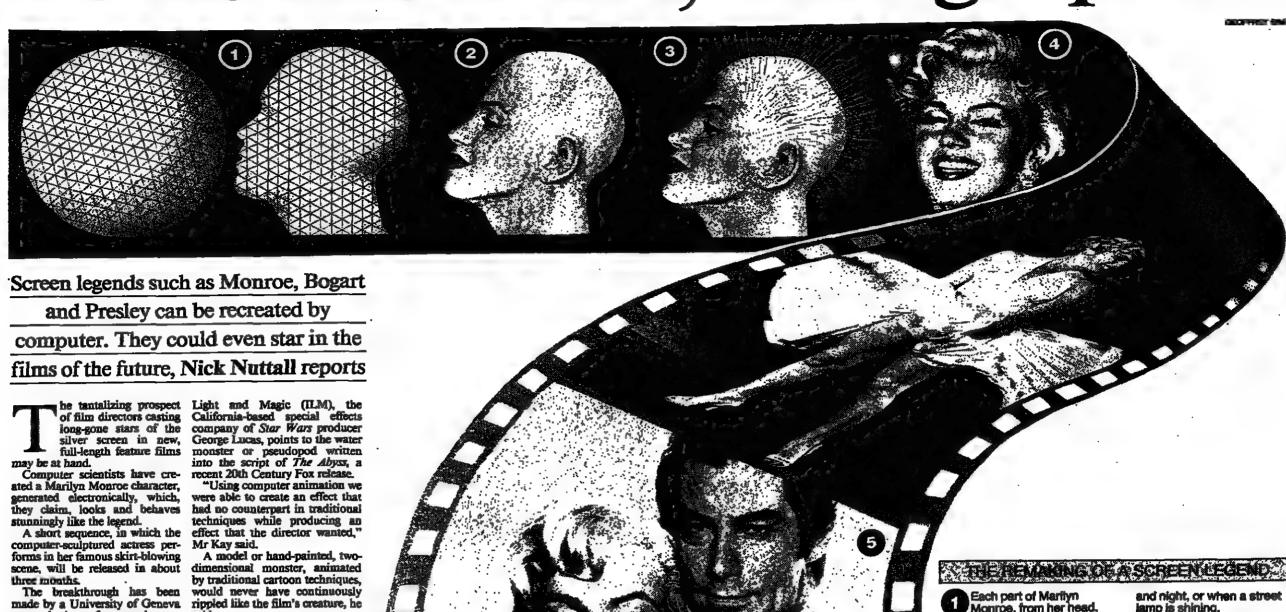
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Some like it hot, with graphics



team who have, for several years, been refining modelling and Because the monster's appearanimation software to computer ance was due as much to light on like Monroe and Humphrey

The professor of computing, Ms Nadia Thalmann, said the group was also working on an electronic Elvis Presley and a Madonna. She said that in early attempts the manufactured Monroe was unmistakable, but her hair and clothes resembled a Barbie doll more than a human being.

But the new computer-crafted skirt is buffeted by hot air from the subway, has broken the boundaries between artificiality and real life. Skin tones, unique to each person and notoriously difficult to synthesize, look authentic.

that has been so complicated for some directors and producers may computer animators to create have about computer graphics:

been electronically mimicked to a level There is a that defies detection short the team claims. The clothes, instead of sequence in appearing rigid or cutwhich the ting through a character's form, flow with computer the body and the air. With enough funding, 'actress' Professor Thalmann performs in believes the project could be out of the her famous laboratory and used in skirt scene a full-length feature

film in a few years. Synthesizing one of the film world's greatest legends to star as the leading lady in, say, the film of the series, the hero, next James Bond may raise moral and ethical questions for some.

It is also likely to raise legal questions from the film studios

Bogart was being recreated for animators recreated the backdrop public consumption.

"We pointed out that we weren't making any money, so ing elements or wiping out arti-they agreed it was OK," Professor facts you do not want," Mr Kay Traditiono sold.

Yet without doubt, computer animation, from a faltering start, has come of age for application as a tool for making more exciting throughout the special effects and cheaper films, rather than as department of the movie world.

Experts believe it could cut rive location costs by allowstunts too dangerous for humans. However, it is in the realm of

science fiction and fantasy where

synthesize heroes and heroines water as the water itself, ILM's computer had to calculate millions of possible reflections to achieve realism. The creature also had to reflect the expressions of the humans it met.

At Imagina, the European computer graphics festival held in Monte Carlo, The Abyss took the supreme prize.

Mr Kay admits that because no one had seen a monster made from water before, suspending replicating the shot in reality was marginally easier in Monroe's white, pleated The Abyss than computer-animating a familiar life form to appear real, like a deer or a cat. However, he believes that the only limitations to such achievements are time and money.

Mr Kay also believes that The Blonde, flowing hair, a feature Abyss buries the lingering doubts

> and feel as if they have been electronically made, "We believe we are at the point where the effects do not look as if they were created by a particular tech-nique," he said. The firm's computer artists are working on Back To The Future III. Here the technique is proving a nowerful resource for solving technical problems rather than

creating flashy creatures. For example, in the second Michael J. Fox, took to the air in a De Lorean car.

The scene, full of flying vehicles, was shot on a conventional set and the inheritors of the star's using cranes that held the cars

aloft with cables. The university film team faced Instead of painting out the wires the lawyers when they learnt on the film, ILM's computer

that the cables were obscuring. "The work's more subtle. Add-

ILM's philosophy is pragmatic, considering computer animation as a tool for making more exciting an end in itself.

Just across the road from ILM in San Rafael is Pixar, a company ing the armchair synthesis of founded by Mr John Lasseter, a landscapes, and generate elaborate man who has done more than most to bring on the computer

One of the great problems that many see its greatest role, by has faced the fledgling computer fulfilling the scriptwriters' wildest animation industry is to make animal and human faces "soft". Mr Doug Kay, of Industrial The design of computers means

they tend to create hard lines and bold colours.

In 1989, Mr Lasseter demonstrated this need not be so when he won an Oscar for his short, Tin Toy, in which a small toy is pursued across a lounge by an obsessed baby. What captivated the judges was both the humour and life-like actions of the child, which moved with the natural unco-ordination of its years.

Mr Lasseter, who gained early training at Disney, followed Tin Toy with Knick Knack, a celebration of the cartoon world. He has now moved out of research and development into making commercials.

But few doubt that he is gearing up for a fully-animated film, synthesized by computer. "It has been a goal of many people in the field to make a full-length, computer-generated film. But we feel there is no reason to do this for its own sake." Mr Kay said.

'We believe this technology should be used if the story needs it. rather than the other way round." Mr Kay is sceptical about casting synthesized actors and

actresses in film roles. "I don't see the problem as being one of computer graphics, more of artificial intelligence problems of the computer," he said. "It is not just the question of getting the character to look right, but teaching it to act, be believable and create the right emotions. That is such a large leap from where intelligent systems are

He also wonders if people really want to see computer-synthesize stars. "I think people go to the movies to see people, and by that I mean real people.

Each part of Marilyn Monroe, from her head, and night, or when a stree lamp is shining. nose and eyes to legs and arms are sculpted sepa-

rately from spheres seqmented into triangles or polygons. A computer program allows the animator to reform and shape the segments, electronically 'moulding" each facet of her physique, so that for the head, triangles are removed to take separately-formed eyes. For her cheeks, the

polygons are pulled out and distended. All parts are combined later. An electronic palette, with 60 million colour combinations, is used to add body and skin tones. Computer-generated light and camera angles help create the illusion of three dimensions. Skin texture and tones is

checked, to look real in a

variety of settings, such as day

Creating realistic hair is one of the most difficuit tasks. The computer artist commands the computer to "grow" it. It must be then styled, a few strands at a time.

Animation: The mod-el's trajectory is programmed and a command button makes her move. Facial expressions are already set. The artist types in a sentence and the facial movements follow. Computer animated clothes traditionally look rigid. But the Geneva-based team has made them flow.

Post-production: A real actress is used to mimic Monroe's voice. The sequence can then be put on film, perhaps alongside one of today's stars.



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TRACING ANIMATION: FROM MICKEY MOUSE TO STAR WARS

ing hand-drawn Mickey Mouse from the legendary 1928 carteon, Steamboat Willie. Special effects credit is also due

to Ray Harryhausen for his in-credible monsters, modelled by hand, with each fractional movement painstakingly filmed asing stop-frame photography.

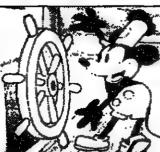
Jason and the Argonauts, in which seven skeletons have a five-

minute duel with three of the legendary mariners, took Harryhausen more than four months to shoot.

Since the invention of the computer, such technology has pene-trated the film world, controlling

cameras and models. Some say the pinnacle of this combination of hand-craft and processing power was reached by George Lucas in the spaceship dog fights in Star Wars (1977).

Computer graphics made an early entrance in the 1982 Disney



1928: animation has come far since Mickey's first days

production Tron but the animation, which attempted to represent the insides of a computer, failed to

win gree the critics. Nevertheless, despite setbacks computer animation, ILM continued work with the technology, employing it in a limited way on films such as Willow which used company synthesis to link a formation. Computers were also used for an ageing scene in Indiana Jones and the Lust Synthetic lighting by ILM also played a crucial role in the success

of Roger Rabbit where a two-dimensional cartoon character ap-peared to co-exist in a real world. But the technique has proven its promise in the current release thriller, The Abyss, and in the shorts made by Lasseter, who worked at ILM before going solo. Nadia Thalmann's reputation for work in the field has grown since

her early Monroe attempts, such

as Galaxy Sweetheart. Britain, a nation respected for its special effects, seems to be left sehind in this new era. Mr Roy Field, one of the country's leading special-effects experts, based at Pinewood Studios in Iver. Buckinghamshire, said the industry has the expertise but not

Preepost today.

ROCKET: DEFECTIVE FUEL PUMP

Fault line: an Ariane 4 rocket similar to the one which exploded more than just a gap in the West's

Setback in space

rocket exploded last week, it ended a successful string of 17 launches, and came at a particularly sensitive time for Arianespace, the commercial arm of the European Space Agency which developed the vehicle.

The accident gives United States rocket manufacturers a chance to recover a large part of the commercial rocket launch business they lost to Arianespace after the Challenger space shuttle disaster in 1986.

The European organization controls more than 50 per cent of the commercial world market. But the grounding of the Ariane vehicles, pending a board of inquiry into the fault, will cause an unfortunate delay to the timetable for launching a backlog of 34 satellites worth \$2.25 billion (about £1.3 billion), and in making bids to launch the next generation of satellites.

Although Ariane's launchings have become routine and the company has the biggest single share of the international market for rocket services, its pro-gramme has suffered several setbacks since it began in 1979.

By May 1982, there had been four failures in 18 Ariane rocket launching Three of these were in the rocket's third and uppermost stage. The last one, in May 1986, brought a 16-month interruption in launches from the European Space Agency's rocket centre, at Kourou, in French Guiana.

Furthermore, the latest failure of an Ariane 4 version cuts the success rate of firings for the European rockets to 86 per cent. This is almost 10 per cent lower than the reliability figures quoted by US manufacturers to customers and, equally

important, to insurance companies. The Challenger accident produced

A rocket explosion has threatened the market leadership of Europe's major aerospace firm

launcher capacity which allowed the European industry to capture a large slice of the business. It exposed a flaw in space policy adopted by the American National Aeronautics and Space Administration (Nasa), which was to rely completely on the re-usable shuttle to the

exclusion of expendable launch vehicles.

This led to closure of production lines of

the rocket manufacturers.

with 26 firm contracts.

The Challenger explosion left the West without any capability to boost large payloads into orbit. American policy was reversed. In fact, the US government has banned the use of the shuttle for commercial launches. Consequently, the major aerospace firms, including US rocket makers Martin Marietta, of Denver, McDonnell Douglas Space Systems of Huntington Beach, California, and General Dynamics, of San Diego,

have jumped into the commercial arena

he rocket that failed last week was one of the fourth generation of Ariane boosters, which were put into service less than two years ago. It was carrying two Japanese communications satellites - Superbird-2, the second in a series of high-power Japanese communications satellites, and BS-2X, a three-channel direct broadcast relay station. Super-bird's value was as much as \$200

The failure will undoubtedly push aiready-inflated insurance rates even higher. The rocket blew up 101 seconds into flight. Apparently, the supply of liquid fuel to one of four Viking booster

rockets strapped to the first stage of the Ariane tailed a few seconds after firing.

M. Frederic d'Allest, president of Arianespace, said: "We are going to analyze the failures to explain the catastrophe of this flight as rapidly as

Arienespace, a consortium that in cludes European aerospace companies banks and the French national space agency, took over the Ariane programme from the 13-nation European Space Agency in 1980.

The Ariane 4 rockets, developed at a cost of \$575 million, marked a great advance in propulsion capability. Each can carry a payload of 4.6 tons into orbit, against 2.8 tons for Ariane 1. The growth in payload capacity was achieved by lengthening the first stage of the rocket and increasing firing time by 50 per cent. The Ariane 4 is the most powerful

rocket in the Ariane family, capable of boosting 10,000 lb satellites into orbit and comparable to the American Titanclass rockets used to launch heavy military spy satellites.

The flights had become almost routine. Successful missions have been held at the rate of about one a month, with 43 satellites launched since the commercial programme got under way in 1981.

Since taking over the commercial end of the Ariane space programme 10 years ago, Arianespace has rejected starry visions, like the 1960s moon race, for the down-to-earth goal of making money.

The Challenger tragedy in 1986 left
Ariane with an enviable monopoly on

the satellite launch business.

Pearce Wright

tingham hospital is the Nucleus cochlear implant, developed in Melbourne, Australia, at a cost of A\$30 million (about £13.5 million) and now

> A second problem is that the implants can become infected; a third is that the benefits vary from individual to individual. In all cases, rehabilitation of the child is complex and requires a deep

priced at £10,000 a patient in

commitment by the parents. "The technology isn't perfect, but it's improving and we can expect further advances, Mr O'Donoghne says. "With the bargaining power of the Department of Health, the price of the equipment should come down. We're just at the beginning."

Thomson Prentice

Common cold cure findings

rugs against some forms of the comthat many cold viruses infect cells by sticking to certain "receptor" proteins on the surfaces of the cells. A report in today's issue of Nature (vol. 344, pp. 70-72) shows how these receptors can be modified to fool the viruses, diverting them from the cells they would other-

Intercellular Adhesion Molecule 1 (ICAM-1), and is vital in the cell-to-cell ication on which rests the functional imaging of the body's immune system. American researcher

Steven Marlin of Boehringer Ingelcals of Ridgefield, Connecticut, and his colleagues, have been working on ways of msing ICAM-1 to fight infection by rhinoviruses, the family of viruses respon-

sible for 50 per cent of cummon cold infections. Rhinsviruses infect cells after sticking very specifically in ICAM-1 receptors bound to cell aurfaces.

However, Marlin's team has shown that rhipsylveres stick to free-floating, soluble versions of ICAM-1 just as effectively. So solmble ICAM-1 could, in theory, be used as a specific rhinovirus inhibitor, bind-ing to viruses before they can reach ICAM-1 on cell

This research compares with a proposed strategy to treat AIDS. The AIDS virus, HIV-1, enters cells after sticking to a cellsurface receptor called CD4. Like ICAM-1, CD4 is a protein that is usually found bound to the cell surface, and is involved in cell-to-cell communication in the immune system. But soluble forms of CD4 act as "decoys" that divert HIV-1 viruses from sticking to cellsurface CD4

decoy strategy. Last year, the team made soluble CD4 molecules even more effective, by fusing them with ordinary antibody molecules (Science Report, February) reary 9, 1989). But there are still many obstacles before a drug against the common cold becomes practical. First, Marlin's teams used a very specialized system of cultured cells to demonstrate the efficacy of sol-

able ICAM-1. The next stage will be to see whether it works in a living laboratory animal, in which conditions are less led. A potential prob-

lem has been pointed out by a. research team from ting John Raddiffe Hospital in Ox-ford. Charles Bengham and Andrew McMichael have also written an article in Noture. They say that, for the decay to work, there me

ICAM-1 in the nasal andcosa (the tissues in the none and singer where the infection takes place) high enough to neutralize invading virtues.

Maintaining high concentrations of ICAM-1 in laboratory cell cultures is relatively simple, but might be more difficult in a living animal or a human patient. One of the reasons the Geneatech group stitched soluble CD4 to an antibody was to extend its "residence time" in the bloodstream

from minutes to hours or

days, long enough for an effective dosage to accumslate. The problem is also of achieving the right balance. Too much free ICAM-1 in the name unpopen could lead tions worse than suffering a

Henry Gee

Implants for deaf children

neering an operation which enables children made totally deaf by infections or accidents to hear again at a crucial stage of their development. or a fire alarm. Four operations, known as

cochlear implants, were car-ried out last week, on children aged between four and nine years, at University Hospital, Nottingham, the only centre in Britain dedicated to the work in paediatric cases. The Department of Health

ritish doctors are pio-

no longer regards the surgery as experimental and will fund it with £3 million over the next three years.

At best, the operation allows a previously deaf child to use the telephone; at the very least it lets the youngster recognize potentially life-sav-

distinct from congenital deaf- been damaged beyond repair, ness - has a devastating it bypasses it and stimulates impact, leaving them be the hearing nerve directly. wildered and isolated, unable The implant consists of

standard education. fected in this way have been within the cochles. struck by bacterial meningitis, language within a few months. Conventional hearing aids are

A cochlear implant differs The transmitter relays the from a hearing aid in that it signals to the implanted re-

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ing sounds such as a car horn does not stimulate the inner ceiver and remains in place by ear, or chochles, with am-For all such children, ac-plified sound vibrations. Inquired total deafness - as stead, when the cochlea has

The implant consists of a receiver, placed in the mastoid bone behind the cur and about to communicate normally with their parents, or receive a 5mm below the skin, with a Most of the children af- series of tiny electrodes placed A speech processor, which

and have lost all speech and looks likes a personal cassette player, is attached, and a microphone and transmitter are fitted behind the ear.

means of magnets attached to both. The Australian manufacturers of the devices say that eight out of 10 will be reliable for 70 years.

Only five of the operations have been performed on children in Britain, all at University Hospital, Nottingham. Four were carried out last week with funding from the Ear Foundation charity and Sheffield Health Authority.

Mr Gerard O'Donoghue, the consultant surgeon who carried out the operations, says: "About 1 per cent of children struck by bacterial

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meningitis suffer profound or total deafness as a result. "The illness most often strikes in the first two years of

life, a critical period for speech and language development. The disruption caused by the deafness can have devastating effects on a child's educational "The device allows a means of verbal communication, and

will always improve lip reading skills. It is a very emotional moment for the parents when they once again make contact with their child."

There are drawbacks, however. One is financial: the equipment used by the Not-

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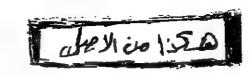
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A bill for nuclear power

reduce the exposure to radiation of try workers is being considered this week by the Department of Employment's Health and Safety Executive. This follows a study by Professor Martin Gardner, of Southampton University, showing that employment at Sellafield nuclear reprocessing plant was sufficient to accoun for the high incidence of leukaemia in West Cumbria. His findings hold important

omic implications for the industry.
Purpose-built thick concrete storage chambers and special robot remote-handling machines protect workers against exposure to high levels of radiation. But a residual level of radiation persists that becomes increasingly difficult and expensive to avoid, particularly in the older buildings designed to earlier radiation safety standards.

The British nuclear power industry is likely to face extra costs in safety standards in the same manner as its United States counterpart did after the Three Mile Island accident

As an interim plan, British Nuclear Fuels has agreed with the Health and Safety ExecBritain's nuclear power industry is facing hefty safety millisieverts (mSv) of radiation a year, based on intercosts in the wake of Sellafield, Pearce Wright reports

the time any individual at risk will work in a radiation environment. Special precautions will be taken for newlyweds and workers with young



Discussions have also started with British Nuclear Fuels into research needed for greater understanding of the ink between leukaemia in children and the father's exposure to radiation from working at the Sellafield plant. This

link was identified by Prof Commission on Radiological Gardner from a study which Protection on the same day showed that the increased Prof Gardner's results aplevels of childhood cancer in the area was unrelated to other potential sources of environmental contamination from Sellafield, such as eating sea-food from the Irish Sea, home-grown vegetables or playing on the beach.

The report has renewed long-standing controversy over the risks of exposure to low levels of radiation. It is known that the only biological effect of radiation is to destroy tissue, but a question remains over the ability of the body's cells to withstand low levels of

Safety experts over the past 40 years have gradually reduced the limits recommended for occupational exposure, with an even lower level of exposure advised for the public.

A draft document of a revised set of international safety standards, which has and call for the proposed limits to be cut by at least been five years in the making. another 10 per cent. was being circulated for comment by the International

Legally, a British worker receive up to 50

peared in the British Medical

In a reply to the com-mission, advisers to Green-

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peace ask for far more

stringent changes that take account of the latest research,

Almost two years ago the Government's National Radiological Protection Board recommended industry limit exposure to 15 mSv a year.

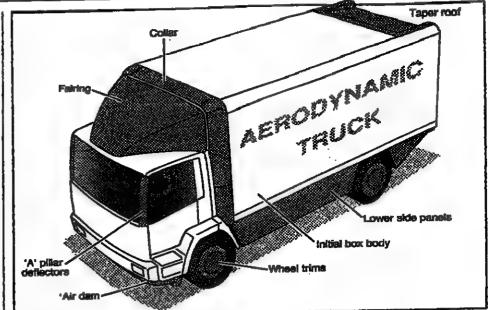
Its advice was based on the same research data available to the international commis

Few workers in Britain now exceed the 15 mSv level, and British Nuclear Fuels has a policy that determines a eent of 30 mSv as an "action level". Action is taken to prevent any further expo-sure to the individual.

But Prof Gardner's study suggested there was a six to eightfold increase in the risk of childhood leukaemia in children of male Sellafield radiation workers who had received no more than 20 mSv in the year leading to conception.

The study also showed a fourfold increase in the risk of childhood leaukaemia from an exposure of only 10 mSv in the six months before concep-

If further work corroborates these findings, there will be enormous pressure for tighter safety margins, whatever the economic cost.



Shape of the future

which reduces aerodynamic drag on commercial vehicles, could cut feel bills by almost

In a study partly funded by the Department of Energy, tests were carried out using two pairs of vehicles. Each pair included one standard 17tonne, box-bodied lorry, fitted with a variety of aerodynamic panels along with an unmodi-fied model. All four joined the Argos distribution fleet for six 62mph.

The results were impressive, according to industrial design consultants Ricardo-AS & A, who conducted the project. They say the drag was reduced to a level equivalent to most modern cars.

The modified lowring had an overall drop in fuel consump-tion of 19 per cent, which increased to a maximum of 40 per cent when the lorries ran on motorways at a steady

European patent pending on the design, is to offer licences to manufacturers. It also believes a market will exist for kits to be fitted to existing vans which include all the modifications except the tapered roof at the back.

Prices should rauge from £1,300 to £1,960 a VRB. depending on how many of the

Matthew May

Improving the view



Radial keratotomy, the type of surgery most correct nearsightedness, is safe and generally effective, but the success

rate is unpredictable. The operation involves making incisions to the cornea of the eye to alter its shape. According to a study of 322 people who have had the treatment, two-thirds of those who had surgery on both eyes were able to see well without glasses or contact lenses four years later. The study, which was published in the Journal of the American Medical Assocation, also revealed that two people had suffered short-term eye infection, and 11 were slightly less able to read the fine lines on a chart following surgery. "We cannot be as sure of the outcome as if we were fitting someone with a pair of glasses," the director of the study, Dr George Waring of Emory University in Atlanta, said, "and we cannot say who will heal the best just by looking at the cornea.

Flying high

Bert Rutan, the aeroplane designer whose Voyager aircraft flew around the world without refuelling in 1986. showed off his latest project this week - a military jet that cost little more than £1 million to develop. A test model of the Ares, which was displayed at Mojave Airport, in the Californian desert, uses a single turbo-fan engine and is made from composite materials such as granite and epoxy. Possible uses include border patrol and reconnaissance duties or, with a 25mm gun. against helicopters. Rutan also says it could also be armed with air-to-air or ground missiles.

Easy money



Technological in the quality of colour photocopiers are causing concern about counter-

Netherlands recently ordered the withdrawal of a popular magazine, Aktueel, which told readers how to print their own money on colour copiers. The order was sought by the Dutch Central Bank, which argued the article was against the public interest. Pieter de Vries, Aktueel's editor, said the article was intended to show how colour copying machines had made it easy to duplicate money. His reporters found no problems in using the fake cash in stores.

A smooth ride

Tyres which can change their pressure according to the surface of the road are being developed by Lotus Engineering in association with Goodyear. High tyre pressures help increase the mileage per gallon of fuel, but give a harsher ride on uneven surfaces and can reduce grip during cornering. The "active air" system will

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use sensors in each tyre to assess road conditions and a computer processor will then deflate or inflate the tyres from a small air compressor in the car. They could be widely used to marketed within four years.

Ancient marine

A sample of what is believed to be the Earth's oldest ocean floor has been extracted from the bottom of the Pacific south of Japan. The sample is believed to have come from the middle Jurassic period of 170 million years ago. The age has been determined from the presence of microscopic sea creatures, radioaria, in the sedimentary rock.

Hamster key



entists say they have identified the part of a that serves as a biological clock

and they believe that daily rhythms of humans appear to be governed by a similar mechanism. The research, at the University of Virginia, involved transplanting the tissue irom orair with abnormal "clocks", into normal hamsters. researchers say their findings show that biological clocks are regulated by the suprachiasmatic nucleus — a small area deep in the hypothalamus. Michael Menaker, chairman of the university's biology department, said the findings could be used by scientists studying brain tissue trans-

Personal price A personal computer com-

plete with printer and software went on offer this week for the remarkably low price of £228 (VAT inclusive) from Crown Computer Products (0704 895815). Though now rather a computer, the Sanyo MBC 555/2 comes with an Oliveti DM100 printer, the MS DOS 2.1 operating system, as well as the Wordstar word processor and Calcstar software. Crown says it has bought a job lot of 5,000 computers, and has already sold several hundred to education authorities. Amstrad discovered a huge untapped market for cheap personal computers with its series of word processor computers that, though not the latest technology, sold well several years ago for the then-low price of £399.

Super charge



battery that supplies almost three times as much power as those on the market, but

which weighs less, has been developed by Sony. The lithium ion battery is expected to be used in portable products that use large quantitites of electricity, such as lap-top computers, video cameras and mobile telephones. Sony Energytec, the Sony subsiddeveloped the iary, has

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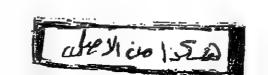


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receivers ignore it, but Clear Vision

receivers generate a pure pulse

internally and compare it with the

incoming pulse. The receiver

analyses the mis-match and doctors

the incoming picture signal to "remove the ghosts". American

televison stations want to use the

Japanese television stations will

soon experiment with a second

generation system which adds side

will be able to display wide-screen

These new Clear Vision receivers

panels to the transmitted pictures.

The GCR signal is a brief pulse of

picture signal.

GCR system.

Has there been too much hype about high-definition television? It may be outrun by a new extended system before it reaches our homes. Barry Fox reports

Europe and Japan, the talk in television circles of how to improve television pictures has turned from high defi-nition television (HDTV), which promises cinema-quality television pictures in the home, but at a high cost, to the cheaper alternative, improved or extended definition television (EDTV).

The Japanese version of this, known as Clear Vision, relies on the adoption of new techniques which make the best of the television systems already in use, rather than introducing completely new technology. Europe is observing with

The idea of EDTV is attractive, because it means that owners of existing television sets have no need to change them. Only those who want clearer pictures would need

Although, to their credit, BBC engineers never boast and draw attention to the fact, they developed just such a system 10 years ago for use with excelling

It was called Extended PAL (E-PAL), and built on the PAL colour television system now used throughout most of western Europe. E-PAL was considered by a Government committee chaired by Sir Anthony Part, but, in November 1982, it was rejected in favour of the radically different MAC system developed by the Independent Broadcasting Authority (IBA).

At the time, this seemed a sound decision. MAC offers clearer pictures, digital sound and an upgraded path to wide-screen HDTV. But time has changed the rules of the game. Europe split the MAC standard and, largely because of the split, MAC's intended adoption as a pan-European satellite system has

Last year West Deutsche Rundfunk begun experiments with PAL-Plus. The electronics manufacturer Grundig helped because the West German television set maker believes that PAL will remain important in the next 10 years, and that there is room for an improved PAL system with wide screen and better picture quality. It must, however, be compatible with

existing receivers. There are several technical options. All aim to separate the colour and black and white signals before

IRT. West Germany's radio research centre (Institut für Rundfunk Technik) wants to transmit separate bursts of colour information, in alternate lines of the television picture. The incoming information is stored in the receiver and spread out over all lines.

The snag is that only half the normal amount of colour signal is being transmitted, so the picture is likely to suffer from untrue colour. The University of Dortmund has gone back to research done by the BBC in 1975 for E-PAL.

The BBC had devised a way of separating the colour and black and white signals with an electrical filter which works in two dimensions, time and frequency, instead of the single dimension, frequency, which is normally used in filters.

At the time it was impractical to build the filter, but Dortmund has now put the BBC's theory into practice. Grundig is working on a

ii the new PAL systems can transmit signals which give wide-screen pictures on a 16:9 ratio on new wide-screen sets or 4:3 pictures on conventional sets. There is no urgency on this because, despite vague promises of wide-screen television being just around the corner, the cost of a stretched cathode ray tube is still

Grundig estimates that wide screen sets will cost five times as much as similarly sized 4:3 sets for at least five years. Because the widescreen pictures must be able to be viewed on existing sets with 4:3 screens, some viewers will either lose the sides of the picture or see a black letterbox border at the top and bottom of the screen.

Since last October, Japanese television stations have been broadcasting five hours a day of their programmes in Clear Vision, an extended definition system.

For Clear Vision transmission, the television station uses a 1125line HDTV camera in the studio instead of a conventional 525-line camera. Equipment in the studio



When extended definition tulevision was demonstrated to a small group of western journalists in Japan that if this could be done with the pretty awful 525-line system used in America and Japan, think what could be done with 625-line system used in

It also raised the question of whether anyone would need full-blown high definition television in the home. The enhanced definition pic-tures, on large-screen domestic television sets, were very bright and clear: the best broadcast pictures I have seen on a home receiver.

The complets absence of ghosting in the picture, thanks to the new ghost cancellation circuits, contributed to the illusion of clarity. Most television sets suffer from some ghosting when receiving programmes from terrestrial transmitters, which explains why satellite animissions can look clearer. Extended definition television also

scores over HDTV because the pictures are brighter. To display the fine detail in an HDTV picture, the electron beam in the cathode ray tube of an HDTV set must be very finely focused. This means it cannot carry the energy needed to produce pic-tures as bright as we expect from conventional sets.

The recent demonstrations of the Japanese Clear Vision sets and the private showings of prototype ex-tended definition PAL systems, given in Europe, leave me in no doubt that HDTV in the home would be expen-

The one remaining benefit of HDTV for the home would be the wide acreen ratio, which is a standard feature of the system. But if en-gineers can devise ways of transmit-ting wide-screen programmes on 625-line systems, giving viewers the choice of watching in either old or new ratio, then the attraction of HDTV in the home must surely pale.

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Women make up less than a quarter of information tech-nology staff employed in the private sector, and they occupy for fewer make positions than their make counterparts. Less then 10 per cent of comput undergraduates are women. Companies realise they need to change the image of the industry and their em-ployee policies to correct the imbalance

The civil service also has cely a small number of women involved in information tech-nology at a senior level. The

Government's Central Com-puter and Telecommunica-tions Agency (CCTA) says 30 per cent of programmers em-ployed by Government departcent of senior positions filled by women, however.

The recruitment programme began last year with a study into industry support for a campaign to help women in hi-tach jets.

ish Petroleum, Hewlett-ICL, have pledged financial mapper totaling almost half a million possets for the forma-tion in its first year. The Department of Trade and Industry is expected to contribute up to £440,000 sver three years.

The response from in-dustry has been very positive and we are working closely with educational establishments," Penny Tutt, chairman of the foundation's council of directors, says."The campaign will run for the next three years at least."

Working parties are study-ing and implementing cam-

paigns directed at schoolgirle, graduates and women return-ing to the work-force. One group examining

recruitment methods says many employers using information technology are wedded to restrictive selection methods". Company training for example, is set up almost exclusively for people under 25 and with no family

Companies using informa-tion technology, including BP, British Telecom, Digital Equipment and IBM, have improved their links with achoels by giving lectures, dounting equipment and invit-ing students to work alonguide a professional for short

The first Women in Software Engineering Update (WISE-UP) course, aimed at wemen who have taken a break from their career, be in January at Reading

A few companies have al-ready shown that women will work in the industry if they are encouraged. ICL his conployed a largely fen years. Other companies are beginning to offer shatlar op-tions. The FI Group was established to exploit this opportunity and is now a 220

career break scheme of up to two years for all employe condition of the achieve b the employee he available for at least four weeks each year and for training in every bo

Information technology companies are also offering child care incilities for parents, following the lend of several banks and insurance companies. Digital Equipment opened its first child care centre in Reading, Berkshire, recently, and other companie say they are considering set-ting up six flar facilities. How-ever a report published by the Institute of Personnel Management claims less than 3 per cent of private acctor employers provide child care employers for their employers.

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New look for an ancient land

Andalusia, steeped in history and tradition, has begun a wide-ranging modernization plan as it prepares to celebrate Expo '92 and the 500th

anniversary of Columbus's discovery of America. Peter Strafford reports

ndalusia has long had a distinctive and colourful image as the land of flamenco and bull-fighting, coupled with a reputation for backwardness. The relics of a distant past — the Alhambra in Granada, the huge cathedral of Seville — have loomed larger than the achievements of the present.

The main contribution of the region to contemporary life has been the glittering, and sometimes seedy, tourist resorts along the Costa del Sol.

A concentrated effort is being made to change this picture. Expo '92, a world fair, or "universal exhibition", which will bring together at least 103 countries from around the globe, as well as international organizations and multinational companies, will be held in Seville in

1992, and it is 'Its character is being made the focus for an extenbaroque: not sive modernizalinear and tion plan. The Spanish governdirect, but ment intends to spend more than sinuous, a mix £4 billion on the of elements improvement of communications and stamped by both to the region and within it. A the past' high-speed train link is to be cre-

ated between Seville and Madrid, a network of motorways is being built, and airports are being extended, all with the aim of launching the region into a more prosperous future.

The year 1992 will be an important one for the European Community as a whole, as the culmination of the programme to create a single market. But for Spain it will be particularly significant as the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's discovery of the New World.

Expo '92 will open on April 20, 1992, and will close on October 12, five hundred years to the day

from the first sighting of land by Columbus.

The hope is that it will shed a favourable light on the new, democratic Spain, and on Andalusia, where Columbus's voyage began — from the port of Palos, on the Atlantic coast — and that it will also provide a new impetus to the region's economy, helping it to catch up with more prosperous

areas further north.

For the moment it means that Andalusia is covered with building sites, as roads are driven across mountain and plain, and renovation is carried out in the cities. But officials talk confidently of having everything ready on the day, and they claim that there have already

José Luis Ballester, secretary general of the office of the commissioner general for Expo

whereas provisional figures for 1989 show the Spanish economy as a whole growing by 5 per cent, that of Andalusia grew by 6.2 per cent, and metropolitan Seville by no less than 8.9 per cent. Andalusia, as one of Spain's poorest regions, is starting

from a low base, he concedes. But he says that if present rates of growth are maintained until 1992, it will catch up with the country's most developed regions, and that by making use of the facilities created for Expo '92 it will be able to maintain that level of development.

The exhibition will not be a oneoff affair. After it is over, the site
will become a centre for research
and development, partly occupied
by faculties of the University of
Seville and partly by multinational companies that have
committed themselves to remaining. The intention is that it should



A fine blend of tradition and beauty: the Lady Tower in the Partal gardens of the Albambra in Granada

serve as a further stimulus to

what is happening is that like Catalonia, whose capital, Barcelona, will be host of the 1992 Olympic Games, Andalusia is using Expo '92 as a spur to carry out development work that would in any case be needed but would otherwise not be done so soon.

The hope is that it can wipe out the stigma of backwardness, and recover something of the prosperity that it knew in the 16th century, when galleons from the Americas used to put in at Seville.

There is still some way to go. But since 1982, Andalusia, like other regions of Spain, has had autonomous status and its own regional government, the Junta, controlled since it began by the Socialist Party.

This has given it greater control

over its affairs, and while Spain as a whole has had fast economic growth, Andalusian rates have been higher than the average. In recent years tourism has

In recent years tourism has become the main contributor to the regional economy. But agriculture, long the mainstay of the region, remains important, and there has also been a significant increase in the industrial sector, helped by foreign investment. Unemployment continues to be high, particularly among unskilled

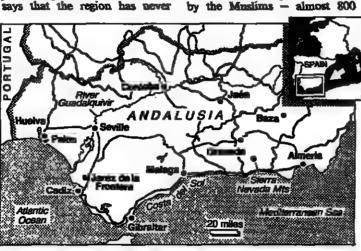
workers. But emigration, in the past a bane of Andalusian life, has largely ended.

Unlike Catalonia and the Basque country, Andalusia has virtually no separatist movement. It has a small nationalist party, the Partido Andalucista, but Ale-

jandro Rojas Marcos, its founder,

known the "temptation" of separatism. The party's aim is not independence, but a greater degree of autonomy. Rojas Marcos says, however,

Rojas Marcos says, however, that although it no longer has its own language, Andalusia has as distinctive a character as any region of Spain; and there is no doubt that it has been strongly marked by its long history, and in particular the long period during which it was occupied and ruled by the Muslims — almost 800



years in the case of Granada and the surrounding areas. There is an easy-going pace to life in Andalusia, together with a

Jaime Montaner, a former architect who is the councillor responsible for public works in the regional government, describes the Andalusian character as beroque; like baroque architecture, he says, it is not linear and direct; but sinuous, consisting of a mix of different elements and stamped by the past.

The region has certainly made its mark on contemporary Spanish politics. Felipe Gonzalez, the Socialist prime minister, comes from Seville, and so do many of his closest colleagues.

his closest colleagues.

The Socialist Party, with its moderate, social-democratic policies, was largely created in Andalusia, in the period before and after the death of General Franco in 1975, and the region is one of its strongholds.

he party is now confronted with a scandal, however, centring on Andalum and the activities of Juan Guerra, brother of Alfonso Guerra, the deputy prime minister.

Juan Guerra, who held no official position, had the use of a Spanish government office in Seville, and is alleged to have exerted undue influence to amass an enormous fortune in property, turning him from an unemployed book salesman into a multi-

The affair has already had repercussions in Madrid, because Alfonso Guerra is regarded as one of the most powerful people in the Socialist Party, exercising great influence behind the scenes.

He made a statement in parliament, which did not convince his critics. However, González felt bound to support him by saying that if Guerra was forced out he too would resign.

The question now posed is whether the Juan Guerra case is an isolated one, as the Socialist Party maintains, or is part of a wider web of corruption.

In Andalusia, where there is to be a regional election in June, the Socialists are under attack from the conservatives of the Partido Popular, the communists of Izquierda Unida, and the Partido Andalucista.

At issue is whether they will retain the overall majority that they have had until now.

Britain's original flair for Expo

Britain's contribution to Expo '92 is to have as its theme "Original Britain". The British pavilion, which has been designed by Nicholas Grimshaw, with Ove Arup & Partners as consulting engineers, is intended to project the insage of an immovatory nation, and to compete for the attention of visitors with those of the 102 or more other countries taking part (Peter Strafford writes).

It will be one of the biggest, and will stand next door to the West German pavilion — or possibly that of a united Germany if German remification has taken place by then.

The two of them will be at one end of the European Boulevard, where all the members of the European Community will be grouped. The large Spanish pavillou will be at the other end.

No decisions have been taken yet by the Department of Trade and Industry on the displays in the interior of the pavilion. But the Government has decided that Britain should take a high profile at Expo '92, and the displays can be expected to concentrate on British inventiveness in a wide range of areas—among them technology, engineering, design, fashion, music, the media, and culture in general.

The pavilion is described as "a modern Crystal Palace". It will be rectangular as shape and made of glass and steel. It will be the height of a six-storey building, and will have a "wall of water" the length of its façade, with water running down curved glass.

At one end will be a large, transparent Union Jack, with the colours picked out in coloured glass.

On the roof there will be solar panels, which will provide some of the pavilion's energy. Inside, there will be live entertainment and, below ground level, a restaurant.

The Government is contributing £25 million, which will pay for the building of the pavilion, the mounting of displays, and the reaning costs for six mouths.

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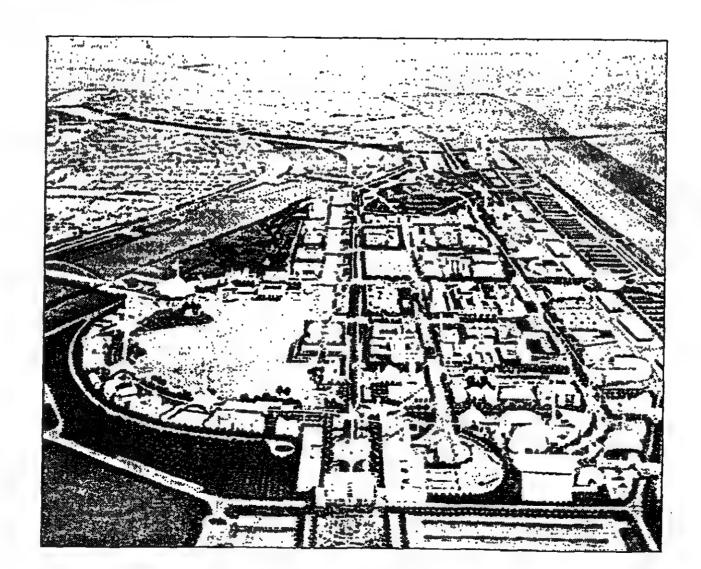
However, British companies are being encouraged to support the project, in exchange for the henefits of sponsorship.

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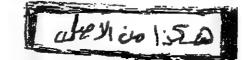
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the image of Spanish sherry.

The Spanish are angry that

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allowed to use the name of

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Big money for the switch to industry

Economic growth in Andalusia is the fastest in Spain, Jane Monahan writes. Tourism has been

for Exp. Spain, Jane Ivionanan writes. Tourish has over a big factor, but manufacturing is now improving

iatifundios - and still exist side by side in Andalusia. The region has one of Spain's highest rates of unemployment and of illiteracy. Yet at no time this century have there been so many opportunities for Andalusia to achieve economic progress.

The most publicized is Expo '92. Seville's international fair, which is attracting all sorts of investment - at least to Seville, the region's capital. But Expo '92 alone will not raise the average yearly in-come of Andalusia's seven million inhabitants, now £4,700, to average European Community, or even northern Spanish, standards. Nor will it bridge the growing divisions within the region.

Tourism is concentrated on the coast, particularly the Costa del Sol. The coast also has the most competitive farming areas, able to take advantage of the Community's markets. The interior is more backward.

However, Salvador Durbán, the regional government's secretary general in struction accounts for 7.5 per charge of the economy, says elopment, and not the most ments in infrastructure. important one, of those that will help Andalusia to move agriculture and tourism to one that is more industrialized and technologically advanced.

It is striking, he says, that since 1983 Andalusia's economy has grown faster than cently as the economy has

arge estates — the that of Spain as a whole. This intifundiar — and is all the more spectacular gross inequalities because since 1986 Spain's economy has itself grown faster than that of any other Community country.

Andalusia's growth has been across all areas. In recent years, services, almost exclusively in tourism, have grown fastest, accounting now for 60 per cent of regional income. Though the share of agri-culture and fisheries has been declining since 1986, now representing 12.5 per cent of the total, production has increased even in those areas.

At the same time industry is becoming more diversified. It includes shipbuilding, car components and aeronautics factories in Cadiz, an aeroplane assembly plant in Seville, an incipient foodprocessing industry, surprisingly neglected in the past, and shoes, leather, textiles, ceramics and furniture.

Industry produced 20 per cent of the income in 1989. It still has a long way to go, however, before it reaches 30 per cent of gross national product, the average in Community countries. Concent and is also growing, the fair is only one dev- mainly thanks to state invest-

One long-standing problems is unemployment, illusfrom an economy based on trated by the two million Andalusians who migrated to northern Spain and the rest of Europe to seek work between the late 1950s and the early 1970s. That has stopped re-

picked up, and last year's figures showed a continuing improvement - 16.7 per cent more employed in construction and 7.8 per cent more in tourism during the first nine months than in the corres-

ponding nine months of 1988. But most of these jobs were temporary or part-time, while in industry, where most fulltime, long-term jobs are created, employment grew by only 3.5 per cent. Although unemployment fell by 6 per cent in the three years to the ead of 1989, it is still 26 per cent, 10 percentage points above the national average.

he comparatively small number of long-term jobs being created in industry is one obstacle to overcoming unemployment Another is that Andalusia's unemployment is most pronounced among people with little professional training. A typical outlet, for unemployed males, is temporary construction work.

shortage of skilled construction workers. A further factor is that the region's population is growing at the fast annual rate of 6 per cent. Officials in Madrid and Seville, however, are con-

By contrast, Andalusia has a

fident the region will sustain growth above the national average until 1993, and that between now and then 450.000 new jobs - though most of them temporary will be created, primarily through public funds. The



huge total of 2.4 trillion pesetas (£13.7 billion), 30 per cent of the 1989-93 regional development plan funds, is allocated to Andalusia by the Madrid government - many of whose members, including Felipe González, the prime minister, were born in Andalusia - and by the region's autonomous government. For its part, the European

Commission devoted 159.6

billion pesetas, 30 per cent of all its structural funds for Spain, to Andalusia in 1986-89, the country's first three years of Community membership. It was the biggest allocation for any Spanish region.

One target for the investment is communications. The Community, for instance, is contributing 19.5 billion of the 40 billion pesetas needed for a motorway travelling east from

Seville to Baza and linking up with another motorway that will eventually run the entire length of Spain's eastern Mediterranean coast to Jaén, Andalusia's poorest province.

The Community is also trying to provide young Andalusians with a professional training, and to retrain the older unemployed in skills that can be used locally. The Andalusian govern-

ment hopes to attract investvanced technology projects such as robotics, computer their own region. software and biotechnology. A By contrast, since 1986 Andalusia has received more new science park, covering 860 acres and costing nine direct foreign investment than

One of the most encourage ing developments, Durbán says, is that Andalusian businessmen are investing in

pared near Malaga.

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new plant and creating new companies - they have always been reluctant to invest in

any other part of Spain, except

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New deals for farmers, and their workers

ndalusia accounts for a output, and long used landlords and militant farm ahan writes). But changes are taking place as a result of government reforms and the opportunities offered by Spanish membership of the European Community.

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An agrarian reform law was and hunger strikes. One reason fourth of Spain's farm adopted in 1982 allowing the is the treatment of un-output, and long used state to expropriate farms employed farm labourers. The to be a byword for its under- found to be "manifestly im- Franco system, which put exploited estates, absentee provable", and that has dis- rural spare labour to work in couraged under-exploitation, mainly redundant - and often labourers' unions (Jane Mon- At the same time there has felt to be demeaning - tasks, been far less of the kind of social unrest that was led by the radical day-labourers' union (SOC) in the early 1980s, such as "symbolic" land occupations, marches

such as ditch-clearing and hedge-clipping, has been scrapped. Farm workers are now entitled to much the same sort of unemployment welfare, medical assistance, youth training schemes and pensions as the urban work-force.

Pressure from day labourers for land redistribution has also been blunted by the creation of 130 agricultural cooperatives in the region since Spain joined the EC. And farmers have been encouraged

to invest more in their land. Small wonder, then, that productivity has greatly improved, and that farms are increasingly mechanized even those that grow labour-

intensive crops such as cotton. The traditional crops are olives - 80 per cent of Spain's olive oil comes from the region — cereals for human consumption, a third of Spain's total output, and wine grapes. These are still fundamental, but their importance is declining. One reason is the Community's olive oil and wine surpluses, so that 2.4 million acres of vines are to be replaced with other crops, and olive oil

ore intensive farming, especially of live-stock and horticulture, is now being promoted, to help make the region selfsufficient in livestock products and able to export such products as artichokes and

production cut.

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Another change is that in three years Andalusia has switched almost completely from short-grain to long-grain rice, imported until now by the Community from India. But the most successful

example of intensive farming is the development of hot-house vegetable and fruit production on the coast. This 'economic miracle" began in Almeria in the 1960s, and now huge areas of Granada and Malaga are also under plastic. Sheltered by mountains from northerly winds, these areas provide almost subtropical

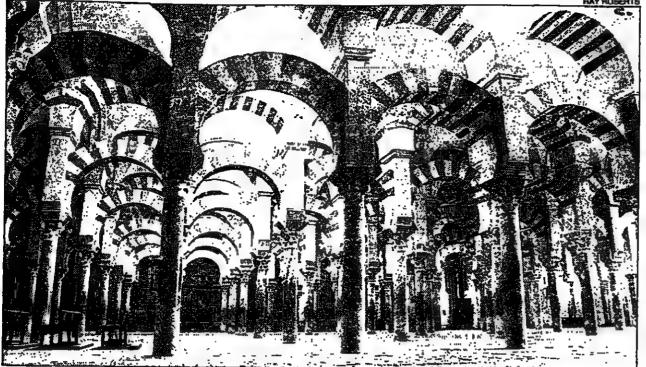
The farms are mainly small family holdings, though there are also co-operatives. Their products include early tomatoes, cucumbers, peppers, green beans, lettuces, strawberries and melons. The farms have also developed exotic fruits - mangoes, custardapples and medlars - alone with flowers, mainly carnations, and avocado pears.

The experiment has become one of Spain's most dynamic economic sectors. The snag is that the sinking of wells for water to irrigate the new farms has caused a serious fall in the water table. This and the intrusion of salt water have led the regional government to adopt measures to avert serious water shortages.

To be continued.

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The peoples who left their treasures behind

s the Spanish pre-pare to celebrate the 500th anniversary of their annus when Christopher Columbus discovered the New World, there are two events of that year to which they are not drawing attention. One is the defeat of the last Muslim kingdom in Spain, Granada, which completed the re-conquest of the Iberian peninsula. The other is the

expulsion of the Jews. There are obvious dipomatic reasons in both cases. But at the same time it is now recognized that both peoples made a significant contribu-tion to the development of Spain, helping to give it its distinct identity, and that they should themselves be commemorated. That applies especially in Andalusia, where

their influence was greatest.
The Muslims crossed the Strait of Gibraltar in 711, and leadership, but also including Syrians, Berbers and Moors. Though their power declined over the centuries, they re-mained in Andalusia for nearly 800 years, and their influence on Spanish art and architecture continued long after the fall of Granada.

The Jews, too, were an important community in the years before 1492, not least in the heyday of Muslim Cordoba. Cordoba still has its Juderia, and Seville its Barrio

The Muslims and the Jews also figured in 1492. Peter Strafford

describes their rich legacy

de Santa Cruz, two formerly ries, can still be appreciated. Jewish districts that are now Rule from Cordoba colan attractive maze of narrow winding streets, running be-tween white-painted houses with ironwork balconies.

The Muslim presence is illustrated by the remarkable monuments that remain, chiefly in Cordoba, Seville and Granada. They date from different periods in the long occupation, and illustrate the vicissitudes through which the various Muslim rulers passed. The first centre of Arab rule

in Al-Andalus was Cordoba. In 756 Abd al-Rahman I, the last survivor of the Umayyad dynasty of Damascus, established an independent emirate with its capital there, and quickly occupied most of the loerian peninsula, which they called Al-Andalus. They were a mixed force, under Arab Its ruler took the title of caliph That is the period of the

great mosque of Cordoba, with its forest of pillars, its red and white horseshoe-shaped arches, and its glittering mihrab, marking the direction of Mecca. After the later recapture of Cordoba by the Christians a cathedral was built in the middle of it, but the grandeur of the mosque, built in different phases from

Rule from Cordoba col-lapsed in 1031. This led to a splintering of Muslim power in Spain and to two further incursions from Muslim Africa, by the Almoravids in 1086-1090, and the Almohads

in 1146. Muslim Spain became in turn a province of their respective empires. he Giralda in Seville, now the bell tower of the cathedral and the domithe city, dates from the Almohad period — as does the Gold

Tower by the river, once part of the fortifications. The Giralda is now topped by a 16th-century belfry, but it was originally the minaret of the Almohad mosque, and the main shaft's austere but delicate decoration is similar to those of contemporary minarets in North Africa.

The final phase of Muslim rule began in the middle of the 13th century, when the Christians had reconquered most of Spain, including Cordoba and Seville, but the Muslim kingdom of Granada, ruled by the Nasrid dynasty, remained. It centuries, and its monument is the Alhambra, the fortress the eighth to the 10th centu- and palace that was largely

Its outer walls are powerful but it gives the impression that the Nasrids, no longer a dominant military power in Spain, were more interested in the enjoyment of art and

leisure pursuits.
The Alhambra, like the Generalife on a neighbouring hillside, is an exquisitely designed palace of courtyards. fountains and gardens, and is one of the greatest achieve-ments of Islamic architecture.

Musium influence made itself felt in the much less sophisticated Christian kingdoms. In the 14th century, when Peter the Cruel, the Christian King of Castile, wanted to build a palace in the old fortress, or alcázar, of Seville, he turned not to Christian models, but to those of the Muslims of Granada

His palace is comparable in style to the Alhambra, with similar decoration in its delicately proportioned rooms and courtyards, and even invocations in Arabic script to Allah. Much of the palace was designed by Muslims, and the style, known as mudejar, or the work of Muslims working to Christian orders, long continued to be a feature of architecture in Spain.

There is a striking example in the Casa de Pilatos in Seville, a grandiose town-house, which was built in mudejar style in 1540 and shows the continuing in-

Centuries of discovery

Seville will be host to the biggest ever world exhibition. constructed on a

man-made island

xpo '92, the world fair to be held in Seville in 1992, has been timed to coincide with the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's discovery of the New World (Peter Strafford writes). Its organizers have chosen "The Age of Discoverv" as its theme, and that will be interpreted in their various ways by the countries and

organizations taking part. There will be a record number of participants. So far. 103 countries have signed up and will have pavilions of their own. The number is well above the figures for the three previous exhibitions of this kind: Osaka in 1970 (77), Montreal in 1967 (62), and Brussels in 1958 (52).

In addition, 19 international organizations, including the European Community, and about 20 multinational corporations will take part; and every one of Spain's 17 autonomous regions will have its pavilion.

For the moment, much of the exhibition area looks like little more than a building site. But that is deceptive, because work began in January 1987 and since then progress has been made on the huge task of providing roads, electrical power, plumbing, wiring landscaping, and all the facilities needed to cater for the exhibition pavilions - and the expected 18 million visitors.

The foundations have been laid for the lake and canal,



Symbol of 1492: the monastery where Columbus's family stayed stands on the exhibition site

which will be one of the main doned, its buildings were navigation, discoveries, and New groves of transplanted palm trees are already in place, a small proportion of the 15,000 trees that are being brought on to the site to

provide shade and colour. The site is a convenient one, a man-made island within walking distance of the centre of Seville, which had almost no buildings on it until 1987. Known as La Cartuja, it was formed in 1975, when, in order to put an end to the flooding of low-lying Seville by the Guadalquivir River, a new river bed was dug further to the west. La Cartuja lies between the old and the new

arms of the river. But it also has symbolic significance. La Cartuja means Carthusian, and on it there are the surviving buildings of a 15th-century Carthusian monastery, Santa Maria de las Cuevas, where Columbus often stayed, and where he and other members of his family were buried - though Columbus's own remains were later removed.

More recently, in 1839, after

a British industrialist. Charles Pickman, who built a pottery in them. As a result there is a striking contrast between the tall kilns of the pottery and the monastery chapel with its mudejar, or Muslim, style.

D ut Pickman was highly B thought of by the Span-ish authorities of the day, who created him Mar-ques de Pickman, and the pottery is seen as symbolic of the industrial revolution. So while the monastery is being extensively restored, and will be used by King Juan Carlos as the site for his own personal pavilion, the kilns will remain in the background.

Expo '92 will be open from April 20 to October 12, 1992. Planning is based on the expectation that many of the visitors will come more than once, making a total of 37 million visits. They will be able to see not just the pavilions put up by the various countries and organizations taking part, but exhibitions on single themes put up by the Spanish or-

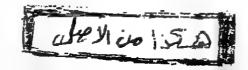
present and future. A cable car will bring visitors across the river to the exhibition and a monorail will take them round it. Fountains and vegetation are being used in an effort to reduce the effect of the heat.

Once the exhibition is over, the site will remain active as a centre for research and development. It will mean that Seville, which until now has tended to expand to the east, away from the Guadalquivir, will spread across the river to the west. Two new bridges have already been built, and seven new ones are planned.

The overall cost, of course, is formidable. But while the public authorities will pay for the main communications projects across Andalusia, the calculation is that Expo '92

will pay for itself. There will be income from ticker sales, and rent for the buildings after 1992. But about 40 per cent of the cost is expected to be covered by sponsorship and other such ganizers speak confidently of raising a record sum for an occasion of this sort.





An appeal

chairman

leading by

example

Where would we all he without friends? In Graham Cliffe's assa, he certainly would not be alking part in the ADT London Marsimus as one of the removas sacked by The Timer and

Unityn.
Six years ago he met Trevor Hodichson, bendmuster of the Holly Runk School for exertally and skyrically disabled children and just over a year ago this bendmust of the Holly Runk Appeal — set up to raise £1.5 million to finance the move to new premises in Mirfield. He also found kinned valentoning to raise £10.000 he remote in

to raise £10,000 by running in the marathou.

"About two or three mouths to I thought I ought to improve

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Marathon Appeal

my fitness level and lose a little weight," he said. "To a county court registrar and it is a fairly selectory job. Then, in January,

I saw the article in The Fines and, to a th of cartinosism, I said I would run the marathen." So now he pounds the high-ways and byways of Hudden-lield. "The never run a marathon before," Cliffe said. "The being

Marathon debut to help handicapped children

Elliott's European campaign overrides assault on records

the season with the 3,000

metres at the United Kingdom

- TODAY'S FIXTURES

BASKETBALL: Eurosport 8-10cm: High-lights from the European circuit. BOMAS: BBC2 2.16-3, 6-5pm and 12.30-1.35cm (tomorrow): Coverage of the 1980 Embessy would indoor championable http://prestant.

Peter Elliott is preparing himself for a busy summer. He indoor race of the season and will start it by experimenting it was the perfect way to end are world-record attempts at 1,500 metres and the mile to much of Rotherham, where he lives. The events of the past month have not so much drained his energies as fed will be summer. Everything has gone well so far and I am crossing my fingers that it am crossing my fingers that it summer." He intends to start summer. "He intends to start

Elliott's world indoor 1,500 metres record, his first world record of any description, in Seville on Tuesday evening, came within four weeks of his first international championship gold medal, over the cleared the confusion sursame distance at the Com-monwealth Games. "I am soing to attempt 1,500 metres Amateur Athletic Federation and mile records at some (IAAF), was 3min 35.6sec. point in this summer, but I am Statisticians argued, however, not going to jeopardize my that the record should have main aim, the European been 3min 35.4sec because championships, by racing too that was the time O'Sullivan much or chasing the world ran in 1988 before the slower records," he said.

There remains a 1,500 me- accept the 1988 time because tres vacancy on the British there was only one stopwatch team for the European indoor on it, but the same circumchampionships, at the Kelvin stances prevailed when O'Sul-Hall, Glasgow, this weekend, livan ran a faster time 12 but Elliott has said all along months ago. that his winter season would Elliott recorded 3min end in Seville. In an extraor- 34.21sec. His pacemaker, Ken dinary run of success, he has Washington, took him won 15 successive races, in-through 800 metres in Imin doors, outdoors and on cross 54.8sec. "I was hoping that he

FAZER HOMES LEAGUE: Westgate Number Cop: Fourth round, second in Reddict v Gloupester.

ALEXANDER V WIGHT (7.0).

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RUGBY LEAGUE

country. "This was my last but he was tiring, so I had to go it alone from 800 metres," Elliott mid. When Elliott atit was the perfect way to end it," he said. tempted to improve Eamonn Coghlan's world mile record in New Jersey three weeks ago, he reached 800 metres in Union "It was my first world record and, hopefully, it will be the first of a few. It was only an indoor record and I will be more excited if I can break the 53sec; the more even pace this time secured the accomp-

> Games in Auckland, Elliott has raced indoors in New Jersey, Los Angeles, Glasgow, Stockholm and Seville. In between he has been to work. One of the few elite British athletes who holds down a job, he does a 4½-hour day at a Rotherham steel plant. "I can't stand talking about running all the time," he said.
>
> Time off this number will be no problem. He has an analysis of the said.

understanding employer: three years ago Elliott was offered a year off with pay to prepare for the Olympics but turned it down. He would not be able to face his mates, he said, if he failed.

 Chartie Spedding has with drawn from this year's ADT London Marathon, Spedding, ged 37, who won the race in 1984, the same year he took

the Olympic bronze medal, has been plagued by Achilles tendon problems and has been unable to complete a mara-thon since finishing sixth in the Seoul Olympics in 1988.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Screensport 2.30-Highertes of the Franch Cap. SNOOKER: ITV 1.30-3.25pm 11.05pm-12.30mm Courage of the

TRANS WORLD SPORT: Eurosport
figur Sport from broard the world.
UPDATE: Screensport 7.20pm.
BIDE WORLD OF SPORT: Screensport
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tent Coverage of the Pea tels Open from Darby.

its capacity by 50 per cent.
"Some of the children are very bright intellectually but they're very disabled physically," Cliffic anid.

Northern personalities, including Lord Wilson of Rievantx, Jack Chariton and Bill Owen, are vice-presidents of the appeal and Cliffe is equally well-organized in obtaining

district as a schoolbey footballerr — is in the dim and

distant past.
"I think the marathon de-pends on how you approach R,"
(httle mid. "A briend of mine set himself the target of 3% hours.
On the day he got carried away
and tried to get under three
hours. After 18 miles he him up
and didn't finish. I just want to

remained to be exercised ju-dicially according to the well

As Lord Goddard, Lord Chief

Justice, said in R v Wallwork ((1958) 42 Cr App R 153, 160), a case of incest: "... The jury

could not attach any value to the

evidence of a child of five . . .

But in any circumstances to call a little child of the age of five

seems to us to be most un-desirable, and I hope it will not

In R v Wright ((1987) 90 Cr App R 91) — a case of kidnapping — the judgment of the court was given by Mr Justice Ognall, who said (at p94) that Lord Goddard's dictum

was nearly 30 years old and, so far as their Lordships were

sense behind that proposition had remained untrammelled in

the practice of the criminal

Mr Justice Ognall went on to state that, in their Lordships'

view, it had to require quite exceptional circumstances to

justify the reception of evidence from a child aged six and that it

would be a bold tribunal that did not heed the lesson that difficulties had flowed from the fact that the complainant in

Despite those observations, the words of section 38(1) were

still the words to which the court had to pay attention and still

emained a matter for the

judge's discretion.
The Wallwork decision had.

to some extent, been overtaken by events. Lord Goddard had been concerned about the pos-ition of the child in court.

He referred to the court having been cleared so far as it

could be cleared. That particular problem had, to a great extent, been cured by the system of video links.

More recent developments were exemplified by the very

were exemplified by the very fact that the proviso to section 38(1) of the 1933 Act had been repealed by the 1988 Act. Also, Winght was decided before the repealing provision of 1938 came into force.

The repealing of that proviso indicated a change of attitude by Parliament, reflecting in turn a change by the public in general to the acceptability of the evidence of young children and the increasing belief that the testimony of young children, when all precautions had been taken,

all prevaitions had been taken, was just as reliable as that of their elders.

For those reasons their Lord-

way to fetter the discretion of the judge, save to say that the younger the child the greater the care that had to be taken before

frurting the evidence.
Mr de Burgos's submissions

on the first point failed, as also did his submissions on two

other points. The application for

leave to appeal against convic-

Solicitors: CPS, Central

tender years.

the was a child of extremely

known criteria.

occur again."



Graham Cliffe: Will encounter the pain barrier this weekend enjoy it as much as I can and get featuring the efforts of our 12 round." featuring the efforts of our 12 fined runners we will help than fined speamornhip. If you wish to support one or more of them, write clearly stating your heneficiaries to The Times/Unisys London Marathan Appeal, Sports Department, The Times, Virginia Street, London El 9XN. We will send on your department.

of pain, that point where the heavy talk the brain that it would much cather be at bases with its feel up - that defight still awaits Chile. "So for the furthest I have run is 15 miles, but in the ment month I will stop up to 18 and more. So according to the schools, the wall of pain course

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SQUASH RACKETS

Welsh accession is bedevilled by hint of uncertainty

champions, has made the lead enjoyed by Leekes Welsh Wiz-ards in the Pimm's Pressier

While the Wizards were rest-ing on 69 points, after running ing on 69 points, after running their grand prix tournament at Cardiff last week. Cannons forced their way back mto possible contention by defeating CT Superkings Abbeydale 5-0 at Sheffield to reach 62 points, with 14 points still attenuable if similar results could be similar results could be achieved against Lambs and Embassy Edgbasson Priory.

pions, excrificed any chance of retaining their title when Chris Dittmar, their Australian first string, unexpectedly returned home for several weeks. They till hold some of the keys to the

With Dittmar back at the belm this week, Lambs dismissed Allsports Northern 5-0 in very short order. Similar performance in what has now become a significant London derby at Cannons. Club on March 13, and against Wizards on March 20, could onen the on March 20, could open the title door for Village Leisure

remaining.

The Cardiff squad returns to action, also against Abbeydale, on March 13 but even a comprehensive home win would guarantee them only a countback should Cannons take maximum points from their two remaining matches against Lambs and Embassy Edgbaston

Phory.
Camons may call up the British champion, Del Harris, to strengthen them at second string in the squad to meet Lambs, which would bring him into conflict with Bryan Beeson, the England captain.

Dittmar would meet Ross

Norman at first string but the crux of the match might turn around the third-string encounter between Chris Walker and Paul Carter and a fourth-string rubber between Jason Nicolle and Simon Parke.

SWIMMING

Scarborough wins World Cup award

Madeleine Scarborough, who set a British record of 1 min 01.33sec to take the brouze dal in the 100 metres butter-Games, has won the butterfly category of the World Cap, which ended with the seventh meeting of the season in Leiczster less weekend. Scarborough, aged 25, a teacher in Portsmouth, had

several victories on the circuit this year, most notably in Gothenberg, Sweden. It was there that she took pole position in the rankings and, after Leicester, finished on 61 points, 18 clear of Rie Shitto of Japan. Superb performances at Leicester from Sharron Davies, of Bracknell, boosted her sunding in the backstroke and individual medley to tenth and twelfth respectively. The most promising of Britain's new-content to show on the rankings were Lucy Findlay. of Kelly were Lucy Findlay, of Kelly College, Dawn Palmer, of Havering and Richard Maden,

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Court of Appeal

Law Report March 1 1990

Queen's Bench Divisional Court

Child corroboration rule abolished but, nevertheless, the discretion

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Hirst and Mr Justice Kennedy

Judgment February 27 The repeal in 1988 of the 1933 statutory requirement that a young child's unsworn evidence had to be corroborated by other material evidence, reflected the public's change in attitude to the ng children and the increasing belief in its being just as reliable as that of their elders when all precautions had been

Whether a young child should be permitted to give evidence was a matter for the trial judge's discretion and was still governed by section 38(1) of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933, as amended. The that the younger the child the greater the care that had to be aken before admitting the

The Court of Appeal so held when refusing a father's application for leave to appeal aginst conviction for incest at the Central Criminal Court (Judge Pownall, QC and a jury) after a six-day trial at which the com-plainant, his daughter, then aged tiz, gave unsworn evide ax, gave unsword evacetace about events when she was five years old. He was sentenced to eight years imprisonment. Section 38 provides: "(1)

Where in any proceedings any child of tender years called as a witness does not in the opinion of the court understand woman police constable and a the nature of an oath, his social worker and having seen evidence may be received, the girl that morning and

Welch and Another

Before Mr Justice Wood, Mr J A

An industrial tribunal was not able to say, without hearing evidence and investigating the circumstances, that, because an

amployer claimed to be entitled

employer claimed to be either to an equitable set-off esceeding any wages that might be found to be due, it had no jurisdiction to hear a claim under the Wages

Act 1986.

The Employment Appeal Tribunal so held when allowing an appeal by the employers. New Centurion Trust Ltd, from a decision of a London industrial tribunal in January 1989 and remitting for fresh consideration the claims brought by the employees, Mr Paul Welch and Mrs Pauline Welch, under the Wages Act 1986.

Mr Michael MacLaren for the

MR JUSTICE WOOD said

ing salary; (2) outstanding pay-ments owed in respect of normal against wages due.

that the employees' claims fell under five heads: (1) outstand-

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employers; Mr Patrick Elias for

Scoules and Ms Par Smith

[Judgment February 21]

though not given upon oath, if, in the opinion of the court, he is possessed of sufficient intelligence to justify the reception of the evidence, and understands the duty of speaking the

As originally enacted section 38(1) contained a proviso that where evidence admitted by virtue of the section was given on behalf of the prosecution the accused was not liable to be convicted of the offence unless that evidence was corroborated by some other material evidence in support thereof implicating him. That proviso was repealed by section 34(1) of the Criminal

An order was made under in Court of Appeal under section 39 of the 1933 Act to prevent publication of information tending to identify the child. Mr Jamie de Burgos, assigned

by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the applicant; Mr Nigel Sweeney for the Crown.

The LORD CHIEF JUS-TICE, giving the judgment of the court, said that the first question that arose at trial was whether the girl should give evidence. In order to determine whether that should be done she was questioned by the judge by way of a video link - as was all the questioning at the trial. After questioning the girl and hearing submissions the judge stated that, having had the advantage of seeing a video film of her in conversation with a

Equitable set-off claim no bar

to hearing wages case

ing payments owed in respect of bank holidays worked; (4) two weeks' outstanding holiday en-titlement; (5) three months' pay

in hen of notice.

The industrial tribunal did

not hear any evidence but were given "an explanation" of what had occurred. It reached the decision that it had jurisdiction

decision that it had jurisdiction under the Wages Act 1986 to bear claims (1) and (4) but dismissed claims (2) (3) and (5) for want of jurisdiction.

A cross-appeal by the employ-

ees had not been pursued, it being argued on their behalf that

being argued on their behalf that
the appropriate course was to
remit the whole matter for a
rehearing.
The employers submitted that
they had claims exceeding any
wages which might be found due
and that, as a result of an
equitable set-off, there would be
no wases due and, therefore, no

no wages due and, therefore, no sum due for wages from which any deduction could be made.

politan Borough Council ([1986] ICR 897) Mr Justice Scott reviewed all the earlier authori-

equitable set-off could be made

New Centurion Trust Ltd v half-days worked; (3) outstand-

questioning her, he had "come to the easy conclusion that it would not be appropriate for her to take the oath

However, the judge contin-ued, she seemed to be a perfectly intelligent girl and able to give her account of events and seemed sufficiently intelligent to justify receiving her evidence

Mr de Burgos's first submission was that the judge was wrong in concluding that the gul d give evidence.

His Lordship said that, so far as allowing a child to give as anowing a conterned, the evidence was concerned, the aimation was governed by sec-tion 38(1) of the Children and Young Persons Act 1933. Section 38(1), as amended, was the basis for the court's determinstion in such circumstances.

The question in each case

which the court had to decide was whether the child was possessed of sufficient intelligence to justify the reception of the evidence and understood the

duty of speaking the truth.

Those criteria would, inevitably, vary widely from child to child and might vary according to the nature of the case and was called on to give.
Obviously, the younger the

child the more care the judge the evidence to be received, but the statute laid down no minimum age and the matter, accordingly, remained in the discretion of the judge in each It might be very rarely that a

The employers submitted that it was, therefore, sufficient for an employer to indicate that there was a substantial counterclaim for the tribunal to be

deprived of jurisdiction.

The appeal tribunal could not accept that submission. The principles on which an equitable set-off could be effective in a

claim for wages were severely limited and would seem to depend on a careful analysis of

the nature of the breach relative

Apart from issues of time

limits, the occasions on which a tribunal would be able to say that it had no jurisdiction to

that it had no jurisdiction to hear a claim under the Wages Act 1986 without hearing evi-

in the present case it was

essential that evidence should be heard and the situation

analysed so as to establish whether the employees could prove the essentials of their case

and whether there had been

deductions about which the

tribunal could properly

Bower: Pattonion & Brown.

Solicitors: Bower Cotton &

Deportation by inspectors unlawful Regina v Immigration Appeal Oladehinde on August 25, 1988
Tribunal, Ex parte and Mr Alexander on Septem-

Regina v Immigration Appeal Tribunal, Ex parte Alexander Before Lord Justice Woolf and Mr Justice Pill [Judgment February 21]

Immigration inspectors were not entitled to take decisions on behalf of the Secretary of State for the Home Department to deport persons who had entered the United Kingdom lawfully but were alleged subsequently to have broken the rules governing

It was not the intention of Parliament in the Immigration Act 1971 to allow the secretary of state to delegate the decision to deport to an immigration

The implication that statutory powers given to the secretary of state could be exercised under his authority by responsible officials of his department did not arise where it was clear from the wording and context of the tion was that it would not arise. The Queen's Bench Di-visional Court so beld in a a reserved judgment quash cisions by immigration inspecto deport Shamuside Oladehinde and Julius

Mr Ian Macdonald, QC and Mr Richard Scannell for Mr Oladehinde; Mr Nicholas Blake Pannick for the secretary of

tion agency for the adoption of the child by that person, and before an adoption order has been made on the application of that person in respect of the adoption of the weifare of the child. There were frequent visits by the society's social worker and the child saw a consultant person in respect of the child saw a consultant person in respect of the child saw a consultant person in respect of the child saw a consultant person in respect of the child saw a consultant person in respect of the child saw a consultant person in respect of the child. There were frequent visits by the society were closely defined. It

The wardship court would not interfere with the decision of an

Sir Stephen Brown, President

of the Family Division, so stated on discharging a wardship sum-mons relating to a boy aged one. Section 30 of the Adoption Act 1976 provides:

ber 23, 1988. They had both appealed unsuccessfully to the Immigration Appeal Tribunal. The applicants contended that it was inconsistent with the

statutory framework of the 1971 Act for the secretary of state to devolve or delegate his power to make a decision to deport to members of the immigration The Act specified precisely what activities were to be performed by immigration officers

and what activities were to be performed by the Home Secretary and it was inconsistent with the intentions of Parliament for the Home Secretary to require immigration inspec-tors to take decisions on his For the Home Secretary, it

was contended that the Act made clear elsewhere when it was intended that the Home Secretary should take a decision himself and therefore Par-liament must have contem-plated that he would devolve his powers to members of his department of appropriate seniority.

Immigration officers were members of his department of appropriate seniority and it was a matter for his discretion whether he devolved his powers to inspectors or not.

In his Lordship's judgment, the secretary of state's decision was contrary to and clearly thwarted the clearly defined policy behind the 1971 Act (following dicta of Lord Reid in LORD JUSTICE WOOLF said immigration inspectors had decided to deport Mr ([1968] AC 977, 1030).

That was not to say that the secretary of state was never entitled to devolve any of his powers to an immigration inspector or immigration

The applicants were being deported after they had entered the country legally. The decision to make a deportation order would affect not only their ability to return to the United Kingdom, but could be a stigma in any other country they wished to enter and could interfere substantially with their

The Home Socretary still normally made deportation orders in person, but the Home Office took a different view of the decision to make a deportation order.

No doubt the distinction was

ide because in many cases the decision to deport was not in fact followed by the order which actually resulted in that person's There was a clear divide in the

1971 Act between the functions expressly conferred on an immigration officer and those expressly conferred on the Home Secretary.

The respective enunciated by The principle enunciated by

Lord Greene in Carltona Ltd v Commissioners of Works (1943] 2 All ER 560) allowed delegation of ministerial de-cisions to responsible officials. But there were situations in which the secretary of state was required as a manter of law to take a decision personally.

The Caritona principle was more correctly to be regarded as an implication which was read into a statute in the absence of any clear contrary indication by Parliament that the implication

His Lordship was satisfied that a statute could contain an implied limitation on the secretary of state's power to

Furthermore, the fact that the ecretary of state could devolve his powers did not necessarily entitle him to devolve them to service, who were expressly

In the end the case came down to the question of what was the intention of Parliament. In his Lordship's judgment the only possible conclusion was only possible conclusion was that Parliament did not and would not have intended the decisions to be taken by the manigration service.

MR JUSTICE PILL agreed. The effect of the Carliona principle was that where powers were given to a secretary of state in a statute an implication normally arose that they could be exercised under his authority

department. That implication would not always arise. It would not arise when the statute expressly pro-vided that the secretary of state should take a decision person-ally or if it expressly defined categories of officials who might take the decision on his behalf.

It would also not arise where it was clear from the wording and context of the statute that Parliament's intention in a porticular case as that it would not arise with respect to a particular category of officials in the department.

Solicitors: Lewis Silkin; Ms Alison Stanley; Treasury

Adoption society powers same as council's

Before Sir Stephen Brown, President [Judgment February 20]

The powers and duties of a voluntary adoption society were analogous with those of a local authority under the child care

approved adoption society to idopters as by various statutory requirements and provisions Parliament had regulated the adoption process and the principles stated in A v Liverpool City Council ([1982] AC 363) and in In re W (a Minor) (Wandship: Jurisdiction) ([1985]

"(1) Subject to subsection (2), at any time after a child has been delivered into the actual custody of any person in pursuance of arrangements made by an adopthat person in respect of the child ... (b) the agency may cause notice to be given to that person of their intention not to allow the child to remain in his

"(2) No notice under para-

graph (b) of subsection (1) shall be given in repect of a child in relation to whom an application relation to whom an application has been made for an adoption order except with leave of the court to which the application has been made." Miss Joanna Hall for the

former prospective adopters; Mr Mark Everall for the adop-THE PRESIDENT said that

the boy, born on January 23, 1989, had been placed by the mother with the adoption sociery seven days later. In April the society considered that Mr and Mrs C would be suitable adoptive parents. The boy was placed with them in June 1989.

By the autumn of 1989 the society became concerned about

The concern of the society did. not abate. On February 2 representatives called at the home of Mr and Mrs C with the

of the Adoption Act 1976.
Mr C told them to remove the child immediately. On February 13, Mr and Mr C issued the originating summons in ward-ship seaking care and control. The pain day the society sought to have the wardship summons

By section 1 of the Adoption
Act 1976 every local authority
had a duty to establish and
maintain an adoption service
and section 3 provided for the approval of adoption societies.
Various statutory requirements and provisions governed the adoption process, inter alia: the Children Act 1975, the Adoption Act 1976 and the Adoption Agencies Regulations

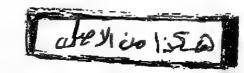
(SI 1983 No 1964).
Alhough not a local authority, nevertheless the society had to be approved by the societary of

The words of Lord Scarme

The words of Lord Scarman in In re W were applicable "... to use the wardship jurisdiction to supervise or review the merits of local authority decisions taken pursuant to their duties and within their powers under the care legislation is to offend one of the hasic rules of our law, namely the obedience of our courts to the enacted will of Partianment."

Partnament."
The duties and powers of a voluntary adoption society were analogous with those of local authorities. The principles, stated in A Liverpool City Council and In re W applied.
The society was regulated by statute and had a public function and in his Lordship's opinion judicial review would be available. However, the court had no power to intervene and had no power to intervene and would dismiss the wardship

Solicitors: Richard White & Michael Sherwin, Croydon, Wilford McBain, Stockwell



achieved

for proud

Walker

disappearance are has just begun to fulfil her long-held dream of becoming British's last female brinklys driver in a

at Winterberg in Germany," she said. "The sheer speed was terrifying and all the bends and loops seemed to be rushing at us like lightning, but the moment we'd got down I said to the driver 'Let's go again', and that was it — I was hooked."

From the uniform times. her

Prem the term of the passenger several times, but despite impeccable credentials—she is the daughter of General Sir Antony Walker, chairman of the Army bobsleigh association — Walker, aged 26, came up against a solid wall of male opposition each time she tried to make the tumply transition to

Driving ambition on an ice-bound track

Woosnam is rested and ready to fulfil lifelong ambition

Ian Woosnam emerges from his hibernation at the Mediterranean Open on the Las Brisas course here today, with an eye on Augusta and the thought of following Nick Faldo as the Master golfer.

Woosnam is convinced that, on the eve of his 32nd birthday, the time has arrived for him to devote his not inconsiderable talent to winning a major championship.

than £1 million in 1987, so must win one of those top starting his 1990 campaign securing his financial future, prizes, because those are the until now because his one and has since then demonstrated bis skills by winning remembered."

What pritates Woosania is the thought that, unlike his European Ryder Cup col-leagues, Severiano Ballesteros, Faldo, Bernhard Langer and Sandy Lyle, he could fail to

Sandy Lyle will pick up his 1990 United States campaign in Doral Ryder Open on the 6,659-yard, par-72 "Blue Monster"

course here today, hoping to show a better return than from

his earlier visit in January, when be won \$28,430 from four

This would be a good time for him to come good and for his putter to start to work again, because the next five events, leading up to the Masters, which

starts on April 5, have prize-money totalling \$5.8 million (£3.4 million). The first three

places here, for instance, are worth \$252,000, \$151,200 and

The Warrington coach, Brian
Johnson, will have to apply for
clearance to the New Zealand

Rugby League if he is to field, in

that game, his Kiwi inter-national hooker, Duane Mann,

His opposite number, the Oldham coach, Tony Barrow, is

gap between last Sunday's great cup victory at Widnes and the

second semi-final, and a three-

Zealand by that date.

RUGBY LEAGUE

The date of the second semi-final in the Silk Cut Challenge Cup. Saturday, March 31, has frustrated and irritated the "The lads and the town are all

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withday, the time has arrived don't win a major champor him to devote his not ionship, then I will not have not major championship.

The Welshman won more has been good to me, but I will not in 1927 and the major championship.

Although Woosnam has re-the Masters next month. He laxed for much of the last will return home for the next the Volvo PGA Champ-ionship and finishing runner-up to Curtis Strange in the US

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Although Woosnam has re-laxed for much of the last will return home for the next Oswestry, he has still concentrated on improving the one aspect of his game he believes stands between him and the ultimate success.

Odando and Houston immediately before Augusta.

With 10 of Europe's last Ryder Cup team playing here—Ronan Rafferty and Faldo

When last seen in England,

Of course, like the poor woman in California who won the first prize of \$68 million in

the state lottery last week, Lyle has enough money to last him the rest of his life. He lies 65th

on the all-time money list with

\$1.517.700 from his seven seasons on the US Tour. Tom Kite

leads with \$5.7 million, just in front of Tom Watson. \$5.16 million, and Jack Nicklaus, \$5.104 million.

All of the aforementioned are

here, together with a strong contingent of Australians in

Greg Norman, Ian Baker-Finch,

Wayne Grady and Steve Elking-ton. Mark Calcavecchia, Paul

revved after last Sunday, and it's going to be a hard job keeping the enthusiasm at full pitch for five weeks," Barrow said. He is

the reasons for the delay is the fact that the BBC television

semi-final must take its place after matches in the rugby union

From Mr I. L. Elliott
Sir, At the seminar on polluted water and recreation at the Central Council of Physical Recreation (report, February 22) Dr Sheena Waitkins drew particular attention to young people learning canoeing and the teaching of the "eskimo roll" and capaize drill in polluted waters.

For those learning whitewater

For those learning whitewater canceing in close-fitting cockpit kayaks this is essential. How-ever, many instructors want to stop teaching capsize drill because of the problems with waters polluted and infected by Wells disease.

It is unfortunate that the

Key issue missed

From Mr Barrie Sheldon
Sir, Lord Justice Taylor's report,
like its predecessors on football
stadium disasters, has virtually
washed its hands of the key
problem for many clubs,
particularly in towns and cities
with two or more clubs, i.e.
stadiums designed and located
on sites which are and have been
toully unacceptable in many
aspects for 50 years or more.
This is not so much the fault

This is not so much the fault of the clubs or the football authorities as it is the failure of Government and local authori-

Government and local authoritics to provide the proper framework, financial incentive or
opportunities to relocate or
redevelop in settings appropriate to the latter part of the
20th century. This simply will
not do; it is high time these
issues were properly addressed.
Lord Justice Taylor, rather than
suggesting a move to the edge of

Lord Justice Taylor, rather than suggesting a move to the edge of town, which in most first division cases is totally unrealistic, has missed the environmental point, despite useful but unemphatic submissions to his inquiry by the Royal Town Planning Institute.

If Government and local authorities fail to take positive initiatives, including the provision of legal powers and financial incentives, the football authorities and their responsible supporters will be further frustrated in effects to harter health

trated in efforts to best hooli-ganism and match facilities in Europe and chewhere.

Yours faithfully, BARRIE SHELDON,

Horamonden Road, Brenchley, Toubuidge, Kent.

Burrs Hill Barn House

image has been created of the sport and recreation of canoeing being only about whitewater and involving capsize and frequent immersion. This macho

modate the Boat Race.

disobedient, putter for his reversal against Curtis Strange

in the Ryder Cup.

"My putting has been so poor for the last two years that I have been giving the best players in the world a one-shot said. "You cannot do that and expect to win major cham-pionships. I need to be steadier on the greens, so I've

Woosnam has avoided a positive frame of mind for

are absent - Woosnam has he was cursing his form on the chosen well in terms of arn a permanent place in the greens after being defeated by examining his game, essemble books.

"I know in my heart that if I Suntory World Match Play conventionally good course.

Lyle is back chasing dollars defending champion, Bill Glasson, aged 29, of California, are among others in the field. Lyle went out today in the

ultimate starting group from

The course has suffered from

a year-long drought. There are parched patches on some fair-

ways and the water levels of the lakes which give the "Blue Monster" its name are two feet

The bob has to negotiate winding courses, many with more than a dozen curves, Shends and chicanes, often at speeds of my to 90 miles an hour. The alightest error or a hob wrongly positioned on a hanked curve can most it strain to off the track or leave it bumping along upside down, so precision driving is vital. So, too, is power on the start when the team sprints flat out, pushing the bob to give a maintain measurement.

At five foot seven and 12 stone, Walker has the powerful build and athleticism required but still found it almost impossible to be taken series. It is to be taken series. It is to be taken series. It is the powerful but at almost impossible to be taken series. penultimate starting group from the tenth tee, in company with David Frost, of South Africa, and Chip Beck, who made a fine Ryder Cup debut at The Beifry last September. He won three of his four matches and halved the other with Tom Watson against Seve Ballesteros and Jose Maria Obrathal. Brown, the British bobsleigh team manager, who encouraged her to keep trying, and recently invited her to join a bobsleigh drivers' training course at Igis, in Austria. "My family were hovrified, and joked they hoped I'd land on my head so I'd see sense," she said. "I'd been training really hard for it though, doing weights, running and serubics as well as working on a rowing machine, so I on a rowing machine, so I certainly wasn't going to give up, however terrified I feet.

"I did my first drive in a two-

"I did my first drive in a two-man hob from halfway down, and I was so nervous I kept thinking 'Do I really want to do this?". But you can't reverse when you're pointing down the hill, and I somehow got down to the bettern in one piece. I was



Breaking down the barriers: Walker takes a break from the curves and chicanes during a training session at Igla

Walker improved steadily throughout the week and soon started from the top of the run. Despite a few close calls, she get down safely each time.

"Carolina did very well became the was as keen in harm and soon get the hang of positioning the both," her conch. Peter Brown, mid. It's difficult for the bothsleigh hierarchy to accent wasman. There are too for the bookengn meratricity was accept women. There are too many male chanvinists around, and they perhaps see them as a threat to their cosy little club, but I think it's vital we get

"Because of the physical de-mands it will be difficult for them to compete ou absolutely equal terms with the top men, but I'm hoping to get two more women to come and train as drivers through the summer and

held a women's event in October in November.

"Ideally, the sact of build were looking for a summer filte. Judy Oakes [the shot putter] — very athletic with lots of power and capable of withstanding a few knocks. Caroline's almost certainly the first woman driver in Europe, but there are a combine in America and Camada, so we hope to get them over."

In the meantime, Walker is searching for a spousor to help with the £7,000 she will need to continue her training next season, fortified by her memories of her first attempt at driving. "The speed and adrenalia of manocavring the bob as the S-bends and curves come flashing

bends and curves come flashing pest you and harves to think like lightning was amazingly ex-hilarating," she said. "I just can't wait to go again."

MOTOR RACING

Drivers to get drug and drink tests

year. John Quenby, the new chief executive of the RAC Motor Sports Association, said

"We don't believe there is much, if any, use of drugs in

David Brabham being awarded
motor sport but with the Sports

David Brabham being awarded
last year's title until this month.

People everywhere are at last beginning to realise that capsiz-ing in polluted, disease-ridden water is for emergency only and should be avoided at all times.

The foregoing is only part of the story, as all too many beginners find capsize drill a transmatic experience and are lost to canoeing before they even start. The statistics are that only

Britain has many thousands of miles of slow moving and still water. Hopefully changing attitudes will open up canoeing as a sport and recreation for people of all ages and levels of ability.

the referee and should be

penalised for ungentlemanly

Rugby referees have, for some

years, been providing an ex-cellent example to their soccer cousins in the sensible and authoritative control of the

game and application of the

It is to be hoped that our international referees again show the way ahead by instantly taking retributive action against the distasteful dummy run and pointing out of alleged indiscretions. The referee must view the action as he wishes to view it for the good of the gene

view it, for the good of the game, and not have his focus of attention dictated to him by any

have been corrupted by the triumph of gambling over aesthetics, the shape of things that may well be to come was outlined when the 1949 Derby was awarded to Nimbus by the camera. The fallability of the human judge is less significant in the end than the inhumanity of the machanical one. When it comes down to the humanida of a second that purportedly distinguishes a Höflehner from a Sicardal or vice versa, we have to ask before it's too late: what reality is there in a sporting context whose outcome can no

contest whose outcome can no longer be appreciated by the human observer, only by his lifetest machines?

Yours faithfully,

LANCE HAWARD, 27 Landowne Road, N10.

Yours faithfully, A. R. DOIG 16 Dalhousie Street,

Canceing ever carry on.

Yours sincerely, L L. ELLIOTT,

Wolverton Hall,

Quenby said: "We recognize that it is unsatisfactory to find a major championship resolved in court in February of the year

RACING

Blundell conjures 100-1 coup before snow intervenes

abandonment of Wetherby after only three of the seven schod-uled races had been run

only jumping meeting to take place so far in Britain this week was taken only minutes before the start of the fourth mace, the Hoodust Pansear EBF Marcs Only Novices Hurdle. As the snow-covered jocksys returned to the weighing room, Gerry Scott, the starter, said:
"We ested the riders and it was

"We saked the riders and it was a unanimous decision. They said that the snow was balling into the horses' booves, and that it would have been very dangerous to continue."
"It was getting very unsafe," said Martin Lynch, the jockey on First Review. "It was balling so badly that it felt as though my horse was walking on stilts."

The afternoon could hardly have started on a more dramane not. As Ghadbham, the 100-30

note. As Ghedbleso, the 100-30 favourite, weakened in the opening Askham Bryan Novices Hurdie, Martin Brennan drove Smiley home 2½ lengths ahead

of Chippers Dream.

John le Carre, the creator of Smiley, could hardly have de-vised a more bizarre scenario than the 100-1 win of the five-year-old, which was greeted with cheers from only the book-makers and the winning

The fact that yesterday's de-cisive winner had failed to complete the course is his only three outings over hurdles had not deterred John Blundell, the trainer and Hugh Bourne, the betting coup.
"I certainly had a bit on and

the owner had a good bet," said the trainer. "He was so disappointing at Haydock last time out that Martin said he was no good. But he's always been one of our best workers at home. He was probably suffering from the virus which was affecting all my horses before Christmas. Although it is over two months since Smiley was pulled

100-1 winner Smiley

up behind King's Rank on the Lancashire track in heavy going, an inquiry into this dramatic improvement in form would surely have been a good exercise in public relations. Such a move would certainly

have been more consistent as the authorities had moved the authorities had moved sharply into action over the running of Glenderry, who finished sixth. After watching the video and interviewing the handicapper, the stewards took the view that Glenderry had not been ridden to obtain the best possible placing. They therefore fined David Datton, the trainer, and Tony Charlton, the iockey. and Touy Charlton, the jockey, £90 each.

Favornise backers fared dis-tinctly better in the next sace, the Sicklinghall Novices Chase, when Neale Doughty rode Share A Friend to a comfortable three lengths win over Kilclooney Forest for Gordon Richards.

Despite his 72 winners this season, Arthur Stephenson traditionally has a quiet spell at this stage of the campaign. And those who made Captain Mor 11-10 favouring for the East Keswick Handicap Chase were wide of the mark as the eightyear-old and Chris Grant were beaten four lengths by Tactico, Mark Dwyer trained the win-ner for Jonjo O'Neill. Discuss-ing his Cheltenham plans, the trainer said: "I've got about six entries at the festival but only two possible runners, Tactico and Raise An Argument.

Heavy bets on Curley hope fall by wayside

Two large bets on Barney Carley's Apple Lane stayed in Tuesday, was back in the party the bookmakers' satched at Lingfield Park yesterday after the 10-pear-old could finish only second to easy winner Heratian in the Loire Novices Claiming

Rame Marphy replaced materials and the betting at one stage, but his price dropped to 100-30, which included wagers of 12,500-550 and 13,333-1,000.

But the gelding had no re-to the ficialism spend of the 10-1 chance Horatian, and

daughter-in-law Claire a competitive race on an allwanneout, whose only previous success under Rules was in a satticipated with his mount, the 15-8 favorate ling William, heating only one of the nine finishers.

flight, and kept on strongly to noise by 20 lengths from Rickeston Lad. It was the third all-weather

success at Lingfield for Joseph, who blasmed the ZV-mile trip for Wingcommander East's defeat at the track last time.

One person not smiling about the panels are Box Callant. the result was Ray Goldstein, who was laid up in bed with treather and about the winning ride. David Skyren de

EQUESTRIANISM

Leng the right one at Martini

By Jenny MacArthur Virginia Leng, the reigning world and European three-day event champion, yesterday re-ceived the Martini Horse Award

for eventing in recognition of her successes in 1989. It is the fifth time in the last six years that she has won the award, which was presented to her in London by Ronnie Massarella, the British showjumping team manager. The awards, which cover seven equestrian disciplines, are cho-sen annually by readers of Horse and Rider, Pony and Topic

Leng, who bopes to defend her world championship title in Stockholm in July, won Bad-minton in May of last year on Master Craftsman, before going on to collect her third successive individual and team European ndividual and team European titles at Burghley in September. John Whitaker, who won European team and individual gold medals last year on Milton, won the show-jumping award for the fourth time.

Their Pourte Horse AWANDS: Nove Trists V Land, See James J Whittae, Dressey, J London Clarke, Showing D Tatiow, Driving: K Basset, Petrit-to-point M Felton, Long Glesmost, J Loyle and Y Tyson, Topic Trophy; D Lampard, Martini Bobolarattip: E Brookse.

McEwan's ups the annual race premium

"British professional cycle sport is now approaching an annual budget of almost £6 million over the next three years," according to Alan Rushton, of Sport for TV, who yesterday announced the McEwan's LA Challenge series of city centre races (a Special Correspondent writes).
McEwan's has increased its race budget to £250,000 a year, from £40,000, for the next three years. We will be putting in more than £100,000 per year promotional support in additional support tion to the sponsorship which fits well with our low-sloohol product." Stephen Langan,

marketing manager for McEwan's lagers, said. The six-race series will start in Classow on May 1 and continue on midweek evenings in Man-chester, Newcastle, Nottingham and Leeds before the finale on the Whitehall circuit in West-

VOLLEYBALL **Delay angers coaches**

England open title defence against Irish

England, winners of the British men's championship last year, play the Republic of Ireland in their first match in this year's event at the Kelvin Hall, Glasgow, on March 30 and 31 (a Special Correspondent writes). England's other group opponents are the British Students.

The organizers have decided The organizers have decided to keep England and Scotland apart and the Scots will face Northern Ireland and Wales in the other group.

addition, the second semi-final DRAW: Group A: England, Republic Instant and Smain Socients, Group Scotland, Wales and Novement Instant. will kick off at 2pm, to accom-

image, whilst appealing to the adventurous teenage male, has a very detrimental effect on the rest of the population who might be interested in

participating in this great sport.
In 1984 the British Canoe
Union introduced a new teaching scheme aimed at those who
wish to "ramble, jog or run on

The scheme was devised by David Train, the British Olym-

David Train, the British Olym-pic cance coach; it relies on open cockpit kayaks in which beginners get started very quickly and easily, and there are endless cases of their being able to paddle 1,000 metres on their

first outing and with very little risk of falling in.

The dummy run

From Mr A. R. Doig
Sir, Mr H. S. Booth (Sports
Letters, February 22) refers to
Mr K. J. Haskell's diatribe (Feb-

Jetters, February 22) refers to Wik. J. Haskell's diatribe (February 15) against Robert Jones and his use of the dummy run, and rightly points to Richard Hill as another example.

I must agree that these two players seem to be the prime exponents of this distasteful ploy in the international arena and I have yet to meet anyone who admires it. Most people view it as cheating.

Hill's (and others') practice of pointing out "offenders" is equally umpleasing and merely serves to "point out" that he is seeking to penalise the opposition for an easy three points rather than to provide the noble warning which Mr Booth natively (or partisanly!) suggest. By this means, both Jones and Hill seek to pre-empt the decision of have.

Sporting reality

From Mr Lanct Haward

Sir. The Tyson/Douglas con-troversy has simply pointed up in lurid colours a dilemma that has been with us throughout the

The referee's decision, it's

said, must not merely be final on the day, but also unchallenged by reference to video replay. Likewise, doubtful line-calls at

Wimbledon have not yet been settled by calling in the assistance of the BBC, though we have swerved denserously close to that surrender of autonomy.

It is, however, notorious that where relevant technology ex-

ists, man will strain to employ it, and in other sports which

Random drugs and alcohol tests are to be introduced this this random tests for both drugs and yesterday. "We want to be sure the sport is clean, and, if it isn't,

alcohol at a number of circut events and possibly rally events." Quenby also announced the

association is to review its disciplinary procedures after the long drawn out dispute in Formula Three which prevented

has limits

Prom Mr John McDonnell
Sir, Brian Moore's concern
about the possible International
Rugby Football Board rejection
of the remuneration proposals
(report, February 27) worries
me. Long may be fill the hooker
position and even become captain of England, but only a few
members of the team, including
him, have any earning power.

him, have any earning power.

The would-be marketing organisation has rethought and backed off. Most ex-inter-

nationals I have beard at clob dinners have so lacked after-

dinner speaking skills that I think the mariet potential is severely limited. What of the thousands of other rugby union

players who merely turn out without any hope of getting on the cash bandwagon, not to mention those who get one or

even two caps only to find their potential drastically reduced when consigned to the bench, the B side or even back to the

after the event."

Quenby said he would also be

championships in this country with a view to establishing a better career structure for young drivers to progress from karting to Formula One. "We may even kill some competitions off."

SPORTS LETTERS

From Mr Barry J. Brooke Sir, I always thought that a black flag was waved to stop a motor race. In the House of Commons on Monday night we saw flagwaving of a different hue as three Labour MFs wasted Par-lament stone with the pointies delaying tactics aimed, andly successfully, at preventing expansion of the Brimingham Super Prix to a four-day event.

airport now free to take sched-airport now free to take sched-uled international flights. All bring revenue and status to Birmingham as would a Super Prix ultimately elevated to For-mula One Grand Priz status.

Clare Short says the noise upsets residents. Strange when much of the circuit is not actually routed through residen-

Cricket suffered with the de-mise of the amateur. Noverthe-less mixed pro-am could not work in the 1990s and only a few Immediate access From Dr C. P. Crosby
Sir, Mr Goss (January 18) is, of course, quite correct to identify the need that most of our athletics have for immediate access to specialised sports medicine services. The elits performer usually has little difficulty in obtaining expert assessment, diagnosis and treatment within the critical first 48 hours after injury, but for the humbler club or recruitoual athlete, the story is very different. and that short-need.

That the hierarchy are not informed I doubt. That they earnestly wish to preserve the status of rugby union football I am entirely sure. Equally it is not payment that makes the All Blacks currently the best; it is applied to the content of the content o

supplication, as our great Eng-land XV is finding this year. The performance rating is cyclical and the balance will swing back to the northern hemisphere sooner rather than later and money will have nothing to do with it. with it.

The best way for Brian Moore
to influence the IRFB is to get
elected to the committees. Unfortunately such a commitment
would also erode fitness, training and ultimate selection and
therefore "earnability".

Sinceretic and the selection of the sel

by the "league" raiders.
Yours sincerely,
ELWYNNE JONES,
Plas Ceiri,
Gwalchmai,

Sincerely,
JOHN McDONNELL,
9 High Street, Nettlebed,
Henley on Thames,
Oxfordshire. Different targets From Mr Elwynne Jones Sir. May we now expect to see English rugby players being lured "north". They seem to be far superior to any left in Wales

More to canoeing than capsize and immersion Market power Black flag over Birmingham

The city has a great deal of which to be proud: the National Exhibition Centre, one of the finest orchestras, the Convention Centre near completion, the

Indifference and ignorance on the part of overworked casualty officers and general practitioners often makes it impossible to obtain a specialist referral and even then, since there is no sports medicine training within the NHS, there is no guarantee that the specialist will be interested, or even informed, about the particular problems that the injured athere poses.

In the long term, therefore, the road to improved medical services for the sportsman or woman is through better education, at both under-graduate and post-graduate level. The British Association for Sports Medicine, the London Sports Medicine Institute, and the London Hoprital are all years. London Hospital are all very active in promoting courses in the field.

However, this may not be happening quickly enough for Mr Goss and others in his position, but I out assure him that there are several sports injury clinics (now defined as #:

the area. As for the inconvenience to daily road users, the council staff have not the rection and dismanting of the safety fences and creat barriers down

to a fine art. I use at least part of the circuit daily and have never experienced the slightest I wonder if the citizens of Monte Carlo view their Grand Prix as a noisy, unprofitable

One has to speculate to ultimately accumulate, the Convention Centre being an example, as was the NEC. How does one measure the boos to Birmingham's image internationally and the revenue taken by local hotels, restaurants and other businesses? R. J. BROOKER,

Beechcroft, 18 St Catherints Road, Blackwell, Worossenhire.

having the services of both chartered physiotherapists and doctors available within it) which operate in London and the South-east on an easy access basis throughout the week, without the necessity of formal referral. I would be glad to supply some addresses.

A particularly exciting new development is the forthcoming opening of the Centre For Energis and Sports Medicine in South Bedfordshire, which represents the first joint venture in the United Kingdom of the MMS

in the United Kingdom of the NHS and private sector in the provision of a seven-days—week sports injury service, as well as podiatry, guit sunival, physiological finters assessment, cardiac and general rehabilitation, sports natrition and health related finners as well as a mobile unit for use at the track and field side. The time should now to well behind us when an injured athlete is considered to be a hopeless self-inflicted case and I trust that we shall soon so longer require letters like Mr. Goer's to spur us into offering the decent medical services that

this country's sportunes and women both need and deserve. C. P. CROSBY. Medical Director.

Garden Hospital 46-50 Sunny Gardens Road Hendon, NW4.

Sports Letters may be sent

LTA admitting to its failings

From Mr David Whitehead Sir, For those of us who have made a contribution to the made a contribution to me continuance of the Wightman Cup, it was dismal reading (February 21) to learn of the decision of the Lawn Tennis Association to suspend the oldest team competition in women's tennis.

To offer an excuse that we are 10 other an excuse that we are unable to compete with our American friends certainly did not deter the British in the past when the United States dominated the competition, in particular, the years between 1931-57 and 1961-67.

I do think this decision by the LTA demonstrates a lack of both ideas and enterprise and is both ideas and enterprise, and is an admission of the LTA's failure to justify the enormous sums of money received from Wimbledon and management commercial sponsors. Yours Simfully,

DAVID WHITEHEAD, (Tournament Director, Wightman Cap, 1978-80-82), 86 Devonport, Radnor Place, W2. From Mr David Kendix Sir, in view of the long period which has clapsed since the United States last won it, is it not also time to suspend the

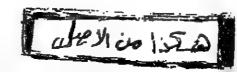
7 Parkside Drive, Edgware, Aerobic fitness

From Mr David Francis
Sir, Paul Ackford, England
rugby international, seems to
have unistaken body size and weight for strength in suggesting: "People like Seb Coe are very aerobically fit, far fitter than I'll ever be, but you ask him to rip a hall out of a scrum and he working to be to do a him to rip a hall out of a scrum and he wouldn't be able to do it" (February 22).

I suspect that Coe is not only aerobically fitter but, pound for pound, physically stronger than Paul Ackford.

To perform at world-class level in middle-distance running requires not only aerobic fitness but a high level of allround strength and total body

condition.
A statement such as the one Ackford made under-esti-mates the superb physical condition of an athlete such as Sebastian Coc. Yours faithfully DAVID FRANCIS 78 Boleyn Way,



Anglesey, Gwynedd.



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By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Following encouraging runs at Warwick and Chepstow, where he was second on each occasion, Roll-A-Joint now has a decent chance of winning the Forbra Gold Cup at Ludiow again today.

But what a difference a year makes forwhen he captured the trophy 12 months ago, he started at even money, having won three of his previous four

He was also destined to win his next three as well, the last being the Scottish National at

This time his odds will be much more appealing because he has still to win this season, the principal reason being the inevitable rise in the handicap as the result of those gains. But his last two races held out hope that he would be

again before long.
While conceding that today's distance is arguably shorter than his best, this still looks an ideal occasion to

back in the winner's enclosure

prove the point. At Warwick, Roll-A-Joint ran a sound race to split Woodgate and Over The

Interestingly, those same two horses were directly behind him, but in the reverse order, at Chepstow where he was runner-up to Sandicliffe Boy in the recent Grand National trial.

Had North Lane not thrown the race away with a mistake two out, Roll-A-Joint would in fact have finished only third. But even that would have been honourable in the On his Warwick form Roll-

A-Joint has the beating of Outside Edge and Memberson, who finished fourth and sixth respectively. Since Warlessan has not raced for 15 months, Uncle

was carrying 18lb more. Merlin, Weirpool and Rich Remorse, winners all last time, could constitute the hard core of Roll-A-Joint's oppo- at Warwick to Party Politics,



Roll-A-Joint: fancied to defy top weight at Ludlow

Maryland Hunt Cup in the there last week. United States last year, is being trained for the Grand

National by Tim Forster. The Letcombe Bassett trainer is hopeful that Celtic Walk will also give a good account of himself this afternoon in the Bromfield Nov-

But as he would have finished only a remote third at Chepstow last time had Formula One not knuckled over on landing over the last fence, I much prefer to go nap on Romany King, who looked as though he was ready for this distance when winning a similar but shorter event at Fontwell Park 10 days ago.

Interesting, the time of his race that day was virtually the same as Diaphantine's, yet he

Before that, Romany King had been a creditable second

Uncle Merlin, who won the substance by winning again

Judged on her last run at Sandown, where she finished 13 lengths behind Okectee, Siegerin could easily turn out to be Romany King's main danger now.

At the end of the proramme, stable companion aptain Ahab has a good chance of completing a double for Toby Balding by winning the Downton Castle Handicap Hurdle. Last time out, he was besten only a length by Mighty Falcon at Towcester.

Dwadme, who was runnerup to Re-Release on his jumping debut at Nottingham, can also go one better in the Clee Hill Novices' Hurdle, while the Corvedale Novices' Hurdle should go to Jenny Pitman's runner Swift Waters, who has reached a place in both his races so far.

Blinkered first time who gave the form further Lizy Cardia.

Biancone in Hong Kong move



Patrick Biascone: Septem-ber start in Hong Kong

Patrick-Louis Biancone will Biancone will be joined in definitely start training in Hong Kong by top Australian trainer Neville Begg, whose ability training fillies has

begins in September.
Chantilly-based Biancone, who saddled a winner at Saint-Cloud last Saturday, is a prize cauch for the Hong Kong authorities.

outstanding race-mare Triptych and also trained two Arc winners, All Along and Sagace. Biancone was French champion trainer in 1985, but had not

enjoyed the same success in recent seasons, and suffered a

The Royal Hong Kong Jockey
Club yesterday confirmed that
the successful French trainer the yard.

uthorities.

He was associated with that take part in the £200,000 Hong Kong Invitation Cup.

The race, over nine furiouss, will take place at Sha Tin on attract horses of group three standard. One entry from England, Ireland, France and Japan will be asked to compete.

major blow in 1988 when Results from yesterday's two meetings

Wetherby

Going soft

2.15 (2m inchs) 1, SMELEY (M Branner,
105-1); 2, Cilippens Dessite (B Delton, 9-7);
3, Helemore (L O'Harra, 15-2); 4, Cosmic
Rey (J Cornell, To-1); A LSD RAN; 100-30
fav Gheddomen, 6 Singlesole, 6 Glenderry
(6th); 9 Regal Estine (Ser), Regal Brass, 14
Final Physic, 16 The Fink Sisters, 20 Real
Patrick, Paople's Choice, Paleis De
Danse, 25 Way House, 35 Sosphando,
Chemry Boy, Bay Fox. 18 ran. NP:
Pupapio, Our Hero, Luchy Lans, 2NL, NL
21, NL, 19L, J Saundel, at Grimsby, Tole:
167-80; E11.50, E210, £2.00, £2.30, DF:
1182-80. CSF; £812-76. Tricest
IS.989-92.
2-85 (2m 100-st ob) 1, 2MARE A PROPED

AS, 999,92.

2.46 (3m 100 yd oh) 1, SHARELA PRIERRO
(N. Doughty, 13-8 fev); 2. Allicinomey
Pervest (G. McCourt, 25-11; 3, Foston (L.
Wyer, 5-1), ALSO PAN: 5 Snowther Chap
(Sin), 13 Repartness, Waltingo (4m), Deap
Carl (bu), Piz Wollow (bu), 53 Lingham
Dute, Crighan Szer (bu), 50 Fontree (bu),
Montery Huster (6th), Bantistown, 13 res.



31, 1%L hd, dist, hd. G Richards at Greystoke. Tota: £2.60; £1.30, £7.00, £1.30. DF: £1.3.40. CSF: £39.39. 3.15 (2m Styd Cs)*; TACTICO (M Dwyer, 11-4); Z. Caphain Mor (C Grant, 11-10 tav); J. Statjeette (N Smith, 18-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Treatodor (Sh), 6 Pura Manoy (4th), 5 ran. 4, 12, 2; hd. J J O'Nelli at Pourith. Total: £3.10; £1.80, £1.40. DF: £3.40, CSF: £E.10. Plycopet 17.40.

· Remainder of meeting aban-

Lingfield Park

1.60 (2m hdie) 1, WENGCOMMAND



2.10 (2m hole) 1, HORATIAN (Mrs C Womscott, 10-1); 2, Apple Lane (E Murphy, 100-30); 3, Baby Ashley (A Carrol, 12-1), ALSO RAN; 2 for African Safari (4th), 7-2 Bright Corner, 6 Telemachus, 12 Heni, Couper (8th), 16 Lending Hend, 20 Sonie Lord (p.), 33 Bernyn (8th), 11 ran, 12, 251, 251, 10, 10, Mrs J Womacott at Taylstock, Tone: 519.00; 22-70, 22-70, DF: 243-50. CSF: 247-51.

22.90. DF: 243.50. CSF: 247.51.

2.40 (3m hdie) 1, KINGFSHER BAY (C Evans, 5-2); 2, Pleypen (J Frost, 11-10 tay); 3, Cettic Hamlet (Lesea Long, 33-1).

ALSO RAN: 5 Edge O' Beyond (5th), 15-2 Sparkling Cinders (8th), 10 Gorne Hunter (4th), 33 Kilzmendy (pp.), 50 Leg Up. Tom's Little Will (pu), Clover Song, 10 ran. 11, 131, 121, 101, 153. B Pating at Cowbridge. Total: 23.20; 51.10, 15.50, 25.50. DF: 23.40. CSF: 15.83.

3.10 CPR hdiel 1, FRIERDLY COAST (A

E3.40. CSP: E5.83.

3,10 (27b hole) 1, PRIENDLY COAST (A Carroll, 11-10 lav); 2, Glencaure Prince (S Kalohdey, 25-1); 3, Binkley (F Campbell, 10-1), ALSO RAN: 5 Phancon Singer, 13-2 City Index, 7 Golden Virtuge, 12 Ea-Ayabi-Mou (Sib), 14 Cone Lane (Sib), 16 Ciristras Hols (8th), 20 Virgonia* 8 Bay, 10 rs. 8, 8, 114, 2, 11, D Thom at Newmarket, Totat E2.60; £1.20, £6.30, £1.40. DF: £160.50. CSP: £28.93. LT: ETWING. USP: E28-93.

3.40 (Sim hdis) 1. LESSET (J. Tuite, 5-4
ter); 2. Leat Art (R. Durwoody, 3-1; 3. Fasdange Boy (S. Powel, 15-2. ALSO
RAN: 5-2 Rhode baland Red (ath), 15 Kdaten (pu), 5 ran. NR: Poona Express. 20, hd. dist. C. Wildman at Salsbury, Tote: 21.70; £1.20, £2.50. DF: £2.90. CSF: 25.45.

25.45.
4.10 (Im St flat) BARNSDALE (Mrs D Straud. 5-11 tryl; 2, Saters (Mr B Clifford, 3-1); 3, Rotten For Daphne (P Barnard, 7-1), ALSO RAN: 12 Ashfeld Boy (5th), Lace Parceol (4th), 16 Hale's Melody, 25 Hold On Tight (6th), 7 ran, 3, 25, 3, 71, 1%, D Grassel at Hearthfeld. Tota: 5,90; 51.10, 52.10, DF; 64.50, CSF; 63.69. 0000t 256.30

 Yesterday's South Pool Harriers point-to-point meeting at Onery St Mary was cancelled because of a waterlogged course.

SHOW NUMBER This issue includes a comprehensive colendor of dates and show secretaries David Broome's analysis of John Whitaker's riding style Professional showmans' plans for the season by Elizobeth Polling PLUS Mark Phillips and Peter Churchill previewing Stockholm's World Equestrian Games COLOUR SHOWS PLANNER ORSEandHO

THE WORLD'S BIGGEST SELLING EQUESTRIAN WEEKLY OUT NOW

turnover on horse racing has risen by some 35 per cent to a rises by some 30 per case to a total of £4.1 billion, an increase fuelled largely by the im-plementation of the Satellite Information Services (SIS)

Although the bookmakers may be seen as the major beneficiaries of the growth, it has also quickened the flow of funds to the Horserace Betting

At the board's annual press onference in London yesterday, anaounced a projected income

In its statement of expen-diture, the board described its intention to give £32 million in loans to improving facilities on raccourses over the next three years, and an increase in its prize-money allocation by £2 million to £24 million. Prize-

the past three years, from £12.8 million in 1988. The board's ability to release

aignificant funds for redevelop-ment is based on racecourses their own right. The SIS pay-ments to racecourses, in many

money has virtually doubled in

"It is particularly pleasing to see courses improving facil-ities," Sir Ian Trethowan, the Levy Board chairman, said yesterday, "When I first joined the board in 1982 the total loans were only three quarters of a million. But even now the £32 million is insufficient. We have applications for loans totalling £40 million."

In its notes on the distribution of prize-money, the board added that it is to ask the Jockey Club

o support these races two years ago," Sir Ian added, "But in the light of widespread comment on the level of competition they have attracted, we would like to be sure the Jockey Club is satisfied with the existing system. If they are then we will be happy to go along with that."

The board also committed fit million to Racing Welfare in interest-free loans for the pro-It was Sir Ian's last susual

to re-examine the question of conference as chairman of the temphasizing support for the leading two-year-old races.

"We were specifically asked" satisfied that he is in effect going

Although the figures paint a picture of glowing health, it is highly unlikely that the spectacular growth can be main-tained. The introduction of the SIS service must be viewed as a once only boost to the sport, and the mushrooming of revenue hackground of a beoyant economy. The financial indicators suggest that stricter times are at hand and racing will not be impasse from their effects.

LUDLOW

Selections By Mandarin

1.25 White River. 1.55 Dwadme. 2.25 ROMANY KING (nap). 2.55 Keep Straight.

3.25 Roll-A-Joint, 3.55 Swift Waters, 4.25 Brockhill Boy,

By Michael Seely

1.55 MAYORAN (nap). 2.25 Celtic Walk. 3.55 Hoping For Glory. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 2.25 SIEGERIN. Brian Beel's selection: 4.25 Sunday Champers.

1.2	oing: g 5 BORD ners)	good to soft Her conditional Jockey's selling Hurdle (Div):	1,804: 2m)	(1)
1	PROP-	BELL NORMAL 329 (G Hustor) Mrs. J Evens 5-11-8	P Harley (3)	_
2	20	CALAHONDA BAY 17 (D McDuffle) A Jernes 5-11-3	E Tlemey (5)	_
3	U-4540P	PRENCH DADDY 84 (S McCausiand) J Baker 5-11-3	Lara Pone (7)	
		KING OF ARADON 54 (B) (Mrs S Hell) R Brotherton 5-11-3		9
5		WARRIOR'S PROMISE 43 (Miss B Paired) D Williams 5-11-3		
8	04314	HATAAM 18 (B.BF,S) (M Kirby) E Wheeler 4-10-13	- Wireine	
7	0100	VAIGLY PERCEPTIVE 43 (CD,F) (A Sherston) B Stevens 4-10-13	M. Stewart (S)	-
	0360-00	SMACK ON TARGET 18 (1) (K Ford) P Anderson 5-10-12	- Varios	ä
	P	RICARDO SOCTS 15 (N Boden) B Prescs 4-10-9	A Juckes (3)	_

Timps Stone (7) —
Metthews (7) — P RICARDO BOOTS 19 (N Boden) B Preces 4-10-9.

20 WHITE RIVER 52 (C Thomas) D Haydn Jones 4-10-9.

IN SEPTEMBER 114F (P Bagley) K Wingrove 4-10-4.

543 TASKALADY 24 (G Taylor) Mrs A Knight 4-10-4.

BETTING: 2-1 Valgly Perceptive, 100-30 Hatsem, 9-2 White River, 8-1 Warrior's Process TAUE BRIT 5-11-3 M Maggeridge (25-1) N Smith 10 ran FORM FOCUS PRENCH DADDY produced best effort
when 211 4th of 8 to I List 8 A Lot over today's
course and distance in non-selfer (fam).

HATAAN 18%1 4th of 14 to Mottram's Gold at Towleasting (2m, soft); previously best Carlous Feeling 48
to a Sottward selfer (2m 2t berry) with TASKAL ADV

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t a l	Crabwell s	seller (2m 2f, heavy) with TASKALADY ! Selection: HATAAM	•
.58	CLEE	HILL NOVICES HURDLE (22,164; 2m 5f) (18 runners)	
1	220020	CASTLE WHIDOWS 8 (F.G.S) (N Jones) Mrs GIF E Jones 7-12-4_ Sir C Farmil (7)	89
2	2127(33	MAYORAN 10 (G) (Lord Centon) D Berone 6-11-11	36
3	900	AUTUMN GOLD 24 (Nrs B Citting) D Berons 5-11-4	-
4	P#3	CUREANN & (Benningtons Furniture Ltd) P Cowley 5-11-4	84
5	2	DWADNE 17 (Divingic National Hunt Racing) O Sharwood 5-11-4	-
6	7		_
7	46	END RESULT SS (C Bulmore) G Beiding 5-11-4	_
8	6-260	MONASTIC CALM 5 (P Davis) P Davis 6-11-4 R Davis	
	1-6	PETER PIPER 48 (Q) (Mrs A Stoars) N Henderson 6-11-4	
10	4-03834	QUEEN'S CHAPLAIN 14 (Mrs J Mould) D Micholson 6-11-4	79
17	25	SELENT CHANT 30 (J McGrath) D Murray Smith 6-11-4	
12	100		_
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14	0.0	CONEY DOVE B2 (J Price) R Price 5-10-13. Mr D Dungan (7)	
15	0.00	COVA CALE 82 (Nes K Lloyd) T Balley 8-10-13	_
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	-	PLYING JUNCTION 41 (Mrs P King) J King 4-10-9	10
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1988: FETCHAM PARK 4-11-6 L Kalp (10-11 fev) M Pipe 18 ran

FORM FOCUS CASTLE WINDOWS
finished lest of 8 in
Reted race at Warwick (2m St, soft) on English debut,
previously 25t 2nd of 11 to Rag Menchant at Gowran
Park (2m 1t, heavy).
MAYORAN 17t 3nd of 15 to Run To Form at Wolvenhampton (2m 4t, soft); serier 57t 3nd of 20 to Danny
Harroit at Chepson (2m 4t, soft); SWADME, fair
225 BROMFIELD NOVICES CHASE (52.869: 2m 4t) (16 s unnears).

225 BROWLIELD ROVACES CHASE (\$2,000; 2m 4f) (16 funners)		
1 F36-211 ELITE BOY 96 (CDLF) (Mrs C Stack) M Oliver 8-12-1	J Religio (3)	1
2 OPS-312 CELTIC WALK 37 (D,Ø) (Mrs A Wood) T Foreign 8-11-10	If Davies	i
3 17-6821 ROMANY KING 10 (8) (L. Gerrett) & Baicing 6-11-10	R Goard	ì
4 0-0049F BRADWALL 24 (8) (G Barlow) G Barlow 8-11-5		ì
5 3PE26-6 COURT RAPIER 10 (F) (H Petry) Mrs H Parrott 8-11-6	Stationer (S)	i
6 339FU1 DIAPHANTINE 10 (F,8) (D Stephens) C Pophem 8-11-5	S. Drawell	
7 F30045 JUST MICK 24 (Mrs H Dowson) Mrs H Dowson 9-12-5	J Cullin (C)	;
8 254-0P0 LUCKY PEN 7 (P) (P Purdy) B Forsey 10-11-6	N Comm	;
9 00-P533 MAJESTIC BRUNG 24 (Mrs D Floether) N Gassion 6-11-5	A Ademy	÷
10 30UOP/P MANCHESTERSKYTRAIN 42 (P Bowdich) Mrs C Budd 11-11-5		•
11 00040/P PHALIES FOLLY 18 (Arden Rucing Club) M Barraciough 8-11-5		_
12 /S3060/ SALCOMBE 496 (NF) (Nrs B Gittins) () Barons 8-11-6	- C Frede	
13 P-33454 SHADY ROAD 17 (BF,O) (Kinch Bulk Hautage Ltd) O D'Nell 8-11-5	O Breeden	_
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15 P-P2PFP ZUMMERSET 21 (G) (D Coombs) D Barons 8-11-5	M Hences (2)	•
15 253653 SIEGERON 13 (CJF) (K Flactor) M Francis 6-11-0	. M Picheros 9	1
BETTRICE 3-1 Romany King, 9-2 Siegerin, 5-1 Cettic Wate, 6-1 Bradwall, 8-1 Displie	intine, 10-1 other	8
1989: MAJOR MATCH 7-11-10 H Davies (9-2) T Forster 9 rans		
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FORM FOCUS SLITE BOY best Hard course and distance (firm) last dance previously best special 10t at Wolverhampton (firm 4t, firm). CELTIC WALK 122 2nd of 15 to Swengone at Chepstow (firm 4t, best); previously best construction (firm) last dense previously best to Skinthill at Wolverhampton (firm 4t, firm). CELTIC WALK 122 2nd of 15 to Swengone at Chepstow (firm 4t, best); previously best Country Color St at Wolverhampton (firm 4t, good).

WALK (summe turms) is false. SIEGERIN 13 3rd of 8 to Okeetse at Sendown (2m 4f 59rd, good to soft) last time.

ROMANY KING hast Master Cornedy NI at Fontwell.

Selection: ROMANY KING 2.55 BORDER CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS SELLING HURDLE (Div II: £1,590: 2m) (11

TITIBETS)

P GLENBURY 7 (I Arbuthnott) J Roberts 5-11-3 STormer

2 80-3600 GOUPER'S SUNRIBE 12F (R Taylor) K White 5-11-3 STormer

MICKLEHAM (Mrs. S. Meddock; B Forsey 5-11-3 STormer

4 2166FP KEEP STRANGHT 17 (D) (G Nicholis) K Ryen 4-10-13 D Bridgester (S) 87

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8 0000 CAPITAL BURLDER 37 (R Glies) W Wilson 5-10-12 M Deserci (S) 98

8 0000 CAPITAL BURLDER 38 (S) (Shverbell Rucing Ltd) I Semple 4-10-9 R Supple 9
7 2450 SOLDER BRAYE 10 (Mrs. E Rolfe) R Manning 4-10-9 W Mofestand 52

8 P02 ABLE VALE 10 (RF) (A Balley) R Holder 4-10-4 N Mann 62

9 00P GALLIC SELLE 5 (8) (J Date) J King 4-10-4 N Wilsons (7) O SUPERLASSEE 120 (M Castell) M Castell 4-10-4 Y Statisty (3) SP WEFFIE 10 (G Brown) B Savens 4-10-4 M Statisty (3) SETITING: 2-1 Able Vale, 7-2 Keep Straight, 5-1 Wolffle, 7-1 Solder Brave, 8-1 Golfars Survise, Superline, 12-1 others.

1968: NO CORRESPONDING DIVISION

LINGFIELD PARK

Selections By Mandarin

1.40 Altobelli.

3.10 Sapphirine 3.40 Ecoessis Danseur 4.10 Crosby Place.

Going: standard

Draw: 6f-7f, low numbers best

1.40 SPARROWHAWK HANDICAP (£2,280: 2m) (6 runners) B Raymond
T Williams 6
S C'Gornes (6) BETTING: 9-4 Cettos, 5-2 Alloholi, 7-2 Daddy's Darling, 6-1 Stride Home, 10-1 Easter Baby,

1982 HO CORRESPONDING MEETING

2,10 HARRIER CLAIMING STAKES (\$2,553: 7f) (16 runners) W Hennes B Raymond 1 (10) 21113-0 BLACK SABBATH 7 (IATS A STRICT) A STRICT (Bell) 5-0-7 E32153- JUST A STEP 201 (DJF) (G Cooks) M McCorrect 4-0-1 10050- COME HALLEY 17J (R.C.S) (Ligvale Ltd) R Bons 4-0-1 324401 CHAMPON GREL 7 (BJF) (Champion Dav Ltd) A Balley TI/803 - JUST JENNING SS (P) (E Jone) D Haydn Jones 5-8-11 Catherine Str MADAM JAC (C Clerks) R Alchurst 4-8-11 E4-4540 SECRET LIASON 12 (DJF) (P Ward) W G M Turner 4-8-11

BETTING: 7-2 Persont Power, 4-1 Just A Step, 5-1 Secret Lisson, 5-1 Moor Froliding, 7-1 Just grings, 5-1 Champion Grf., 10-1 Come Halley, 12-1 others.

2.40 MERILIN HANDICAP (52.406; 6f) (12 runners)

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•	(B)	E-14FIE	MY PAL POPEYE 12 (CO,F) (G Grand) P Milchell 5-10-0	86
	. 17	61-3322	LOCTING 2 (CD.F.O) Of Hotel) R O'Sullivan 40-6 Dean McKeepin	33
-	100	200-004	MATERIAL S (CD) (J Redmond) S Don 4-9-6 (78x) C Compbell (7)	9 29
•		-	The state of the s	91
	(3)	1-04022	ORCHARD'S PET 12 (D,F) (P Stranger) W G M Turner 4-1	
	m	342345	VALUAT SANT 9 (D.S) (J Sweine) D Harray Smith 5-8-13 R Wombers	12
- 7	215	£146	PSYCHO SCHOOL 7 (Plucing Telegraph) C Allen 3-6-7	38
- 4	45	21301.0	QREY RUM 12 (8,F,0) (Hambiston Thoroughbrids) W Pearon 5-6- R Lappin (6)	92
- 4	(0)	SARTH	LIZZY CANTLE 7 (B.C) (B Carde) C Wildman 3-8-3	20
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10	(T)	DOE-854	PERMINDER 14 (W Wightner) W Wightner 47-5 T Williams	32
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BETTING: 7-2 Uncle Merlin, 9-2 Rich Remorae, 13-2 Ros-A-John, 7-1 No One To Blame, 9-1 Weirport, I Outside Edge, Silver Pale, Crowecopper, 12-1 Royal Battery, Warleggen, Right Card, 14-1 others.

1982: ROLL-A-JOSIT 11-11-5 B Powell (Evens fav) C Popham 4 ran

3.25 FORBRA GOLD CHALLENGE CUP HANDICAP CHASE (23,824: Sm) (16 runners)

FORM FOCUS and A-JOHT 11-11-5 B Powell (Eleans fav) C Popham 4 ran
FORM FOCUS and A-JOHT S 2nd of 11 to Woodgate at was hangared when 15 bit of 15 to Rubbics at Woodgate Elean (12 to 12 to 13 to 3.55 CORVEDALE NOVICES HURDLE (4-Y-O: £1,360: 2m) (17 runners)

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PO ALUGNIS 21 (Mrs R Devies) Mrs A Knight 10-12.

DO CHELWORTH KAIDER 20 (R Glass) J Spering 10-12.

2 DEE JAY PEE 21 (D Jones) B Preson 10-12.

DOCUM 227F (D Gendolfo) D Gendolfo 10-12.

DE EARLY ERGEZE SF (N GB) M McCourt 10-12.

P FAR OUT 66 (T Bulley) T Balley 10-12.

HOWOURS GRADUATE 56SF (B Hampson) L Codd 10-12.

44 HOPRIS FOR GLORY 48 (Shelkt Mohammad) D Micholson 10-12.

42 ROYAL STENG 175 (Mrs J Ward) M Robinson 10-12.

23 SWIFT WATERS 54 (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 10-12.

33 SWIFT WATERS 54 (Mrs E Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 10-12.

86 THARROS 58 (M Persticos) M Francis 10-12.

PO ARGON GRIL 8 (Mrs M Whits) K Ryen 10-7.

BALLYYMAGHAN LADY 189F (J Howard) D Hisydn Jones 10-7.

ZSSO MERRY MARSIGOLD 21 (Mrs I Pentold) J Roberts 10-7.

TARATORO 13F (Mrs L Torig) K Whits 10-7.

ETTHRIC 5-2 Stugfit's Image, 3-1 Swift Waters, 4-1 Dee Jay Pee, 6-1 Mopil S Thron HGt 5-2 Snugtit's Image, 3-1 Swift Wilsers, 4-1 Dee Juy Pee, 6-1 Hoping For Glory, 8-1 Royal Therroe, 12-1 others.

1989: STEPLING SR.VER 4-10-5 W McFerland (8-1) J Baker 13 nan FORM FOCUS DEE JAY PEE 101 2nd 12m 150yd, firm); previously 11 2nd to Rielan (at turning on (2m, good to soft) on hurding with MERRY 125/3 7d of 17 to San Buck at Wohenhampton (2m, HARGOLD (same terms) 34/ back in 8th and ARGOLD (same terms) 12f further back in 14th. HOPER FOR GLORY finished well when 17%1 4th to Lonen's Courage at Asont (2m, good). ROYAL STING 12 2nd to Crourand Lad at Newton About 1 Selection: HOPING FOR GLORY 4.25 ALDON NOVICES HUNTER CHASE (Amsteurs: £1,540: 2m 4f) (10 runners)

SETTING: 1-2 Brockfull Boy, 100-30 Sunday Champers, 8-1 Thefriendlyburber, 10-1 others. 1988: KRYSTLE SAINT 8-11-7 S Andrews (7-2) D Wheatley 11 ran

FORM FOCUS BROCKHILL BOY beat Mademist Suble but term to be the first beat Mademist Suble 101 at Notingham (2m 6f. soft) with SUNDAY CHAMPERS (7b better off) %1 away 3rd; previously twen the fisgs least year and put up a good first 15 2nd to Eastern Destiny at Warwick (2m 4t, soft) with DIRECTOR PLEASE pulled up.

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5 5329/0P FORT LINO 5 (R.S) (C. Lewis) D Berons 7-11-2 S Earle
6 03016F/ OUR WHITE HART 696 (F.G.S) (Airs 8 Short) K Balley 10-11-1 A Tory (S)
7 B-Z2473 CONMEMARA DAWN 6 (R.F.S) (Avondurt Ltd) R Holder 5-10-13 Miles D Jenes
8 44-SPPP FOURTH TUDOR 10 (R.F.G.S) (O Brevitor) A Jones 5-10-13 Miles D Jenes
9 5/PP-000 RILL-STREET-BLUES 22 (D.F.S) (A Ridout) A Ridout 12-10-11 R Dennis
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11 451-0F9 TREMBUN 10 (C.F.) (A Midon) R Marring 5-10-10 Mir A Fernant (7) 87
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4 224246 HIGH BID 24 (S) (Airs S Jennet) William Price 5-10-2 A Price (7) 6-99
15 P-40000 Prince's Drive 8 (F.G.S) (B Manning) B Paling 12-10-0 C Evase
17 5-USUP HELLO SAM 12 (F) (P Bennett) J Bernett 7-10-0 R Boucher (7)
18 6005-35 MR MAJRINTY 45 (BF.G) (Mrs H Fullerton) Mrs H Pullerton 6-10-0 P Holley (3)
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at Southwell (2m 4f, standard) on peraltimate start.

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3.10 BUZZARD MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,343: 7f) (9 runners) O- ANTIQUE ANDY 206 (R Watts) D Murray Smith 9-0. IO- BARGEZIEUX 163 (G Steinberg) D Wilson 9-0...... R Wyrnham G Curter 6- BEHIND THE CLOCK 157 (T Jones) T J 56- MONARDA 114 (F Salman) P Cole 9-0... 05- MONARDA 114 (F Salman) P Cole 9-0

0- OFF THE WALL 216 (Sir Giles Loder) W Hastings-Base 9-0.

SS- PREMIER PANCE 229 (Premier Offices Lid) D Haydn Jones 9-0.

0-3 SWEET 74' LOW 16 (A Piler) M Tompkins 9-0.

0409-64 CLOCK GOLF 23 (P Cundel) P Cundel 8-9.

2 SAPPHRINE 14 (SF) (Mrs F Watte) M Prescott 8-9. BETTING: 3-1 Supphirine, 7-2 Monarda, 4-1 Off The Wall, 5-1 Sweet 'N' Low, 5-1 Clock Golf, 8-1 Premier Dence, 12-1 Antique Lady, 18-1 others. 3.40 BARN OWL HANDICAP (23,213: 1m 4f) (6 runners)

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(2) 01430-4 REGORA 140 (F) (E Campbell) I Campbell 5-8-2 M Fills
(4) 024601- RIO PEDRAS 111 (G,5) (N Scendrett) A Balley 8-9-1 G Carter
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12 (11) 6/03-005 ROYAL RIGHT 28 (P Beach) M Madgarits 5-7-9. W (7) G Carter + 88 BETTING: 7-2 Crosby Place, 4-1 Vallent Red, 5-1 Basturq, 6-1 Thabeh, 8-1 Arrow Dancer, African 8: 10-1 Eccolina, Spanish Love, 12-1 others. Course specialists





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was asked the question last week by tain; Eddie Barlow, Graeme Polaryoung member of the South lock, Mike Procter and Barry African side that had just beaten Richards possessed such flair that Mike Gatting's XI for the fourth Australia had been quite unable to time out of four and had yet to contain them. suffer its only defeat. He was searching for a clearer perspective, and wondering how it was that with

Before getting round to the ramifications of the tour, to the possible benefits and the ill effects, of their ability. I can see no reason and to where the future may lie, let and to where the future may lie, let why they should not at least hold me speculate, therefore, as to how their own against the England side South Africa might fare, in, say, a now raising our hopes in the West Test match at Lord's in June, against an England side with nothing on its mind but the match

When South Africa last played Test cricket, in 1969-70, they were arguably the best side in the world and young enough to have remained so for several years. It was before West Indians had struck as the very structure of the game by the very structure of the game by criticisms levelled against us for playing in South Africa," says

I am not suggesting that the present South African side, captained by Jim Cook, is as talented 323 Test caps among them the as that; but it certainly contains Englishmen should be so troubled some very good cricketers. They by a team of relatively little field better than most England sides, and bowl and bat with the purpose and basic discipline which allow sportsmen to make the best

I was surprised at how strongly Gatting and a good many of his players feel that only cricketers who have taken up the game in England should be allowed to play

In the aftermath of the aborted tour by Mike Gatting's English XI, John Woodcock, in the first of two articles, assesses the state of cricket in South

Africa and its prospects

Gatting, "was that it made us into mercenaries. In that case, so are the overseas players who come to England, not to settle but simply to make their living playing cricket there." If that sounds ingenuous, there can be no doubt that of Gatting's side in South Africa some, including the captain, were prompted to go there, whether justifiably or not, by disaffection with the way the first-class game is

For all that, it was the lack of professionalism of these very same players which the young South African was unable to relate to their status. Even when allowance is made for the remarkable display of calculating hitting from Adrian Kniper, the English bowling in Bloemfontein last week was of no standard whatever. Some of the

batting, too, not only in Bloemfontein, was very poor.

In the one-day "international" in Durban, Alan Wells, who averaged more than 50 in England last year, looked for half an hour to have hardly the basis of a game, while in his five innings on the tour Matthew Maynard made 0, 8, 6, 3 and 0.

The faster bowlers, all of them Test players, were mostly so erratic, even in the five-day game in Johannesburg, that on anything other than a grassy pitch at Cape Town it had been the intention to use three spinners in the five-day match there - Emburey, Barnett, and David Graveney, the side's player-manager - if only to keep the batsmen playing. There was a time when, from all account Foster could hardly have hit a

Having seen how poorly Gra-ham Gooch's "rebel" side played in South Africa in 1982 — and that was a tour which passed off in comparative peace and quiet — and now watched part of a tour on which Gatting's side did itself so little justice, I find it hard to accept the captain and manager's view that neither the atmosphere in which the cricket was played nor the qualms which the players themselves must have had affected their performance. I can understand, on the other hand, that they would rather not admit it.

What certainly did get to them was the quite unprincipled way in which, in their opinion and in some English quarters, the tour was reported and their own principles were impugned. "We've got him now," one reporter said to another as they manocuvred Gatting into a corner. They came to crucify him and they did. There is no doubt, also, that the players saw the curtailment of the tour not only as the reverse it obviously was but as signifying the failure of their From the moment they were told

Disabled sportsmen honour The Times

Dundee to aid Benn's world title campaign

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondence

gelo Dundee to they would not be going to Cape Town, to savour the delights of Newlands and try to avenge the defeat they had just suffered at the Wanderers in the first of what were to have been the two main matches, they gave too much time to working on a suntan.

Despite this, they did manage to

play a better last game, and thereby, perhaps, to provide our young South African with a bearing of sorts. When South Africa do come back into the fold, they will have a side to cope if not to dominate. The irony is how much better their own standards seem to have survived their years of isola-tion than England's. Was it not two of them who have just shared the decisive partnership for England at Sabina Park in Kingston?

 The Wanderers ground, Johannesburg, home of the Trans-vaal side, has been sold to the city council for £1 million and will be leased back to the cricketing authorities at a peppercorn rent for the next 50 years.

TOMORROW When and how will it all end? having him as part of our team,"
Mendy said. "Angelo is one of
the finest strategists there has
ever been and be will have the
benefit of observing Nigers
strengths and weaknesses in Dundee will not be talking

Angelo Dundee, one of the world's leading strategists, will be working for Nigel Benn when he challenges Doug DeWitt, of the United States, for the World Bosing Organization middle-weight istle at Atlantic City on April 29.

Dundee, who helped guide Muhammad Ali and Sugar Ray Leonard to greatness, has agreed to be "the third man" in the corner, according to Ambroge Mendy, Benn's manager.

At lirst sight, Dundee's role might seem a bit like Bobby Robson being the magic spongerman for Charlton Athletic, but Mendy said that Dundee, who considers Benn a "tremendous

recently state that considers Benn a "tremendous fighting machine", would be acting as an adviser.

"We cannot but gain from

Angelo Dundee, one of the

Dundee will not be talking directly to Benn. He will pass on his observations to Vic Andretti. Benn's trainer, who will relay them to the boxer. "It will be tremendous to work with him, but my trainer is Vie Andretti, the one I will be listening to." Benn said: "I've developed a great relationship in the short time I've been with him and the way he stays cool and calm makes me feel related."

Dundee, who lives in Miami, where Benn has set up camp, has also agreed to allow Benn to spar also agreed to allow Benn to spar with Michael Olajide. The Ca-nadian challenges Thomas Hearns for the WBO super-middleweight title the day be-fore Benn's bout with DeWitt, "I rate Michael Olajide highly," Benn said. "He is as shifful as Hearns and I can pick up a los

If Olajide and Benn win spectacularly. Dundee and Mendy will be working together again but in opposite corners, The winners of the two bouts have been promised a multimillion-dollar unification con-test by Bob Arum, the promoter, Benn, who is receiving £200,000 for his challenge, could make about \$1.1 milion (about £687,000) against Olajide or Hearns, seconding to Mendy, "Knock out Dewitt and it's there." Arum told Mendy.

Benn can hardly wait to get in the ring with the New Yorker. "DeWitt is there to be hit." Benn said, rubbing his hands. "I will be in exactly the same frame of mind as when I fought Michael Watson," he said.
The bout will be shown live by ITV, 8.30pm British time.

Rematch still on for Tyson

Mike Tyson could yet secure an immediate rematch against James "Buster" Douglas, Don King. Tyson's promoter and adviser, may have the last word on Douglas's first defence.

If King wins a court case against Douglas's manager, John Johnson, he would have the promotion rights to Doug-

years. Documents show that in 1988 Douglas signed to box exclusively under King till 1991. Johnson's case is that, as the contract called for King to refrain from any action detrimental to Douglas, it became unenforceable when "in breach of its aforesaid obligations, Dou

King disputed the validity of Douglas's defeat of Tyson". Lawyers for Douglas also maintain that the contract is illegal as Nevada law forbids promoters to tie up boxers. The Mirage Hotel in Las Vegas has agreed to help John-son in his court battle on the understanding that the hotel will be allowed to stage Douglas's first defence against Evander Holyfield, the No. 1 contender. Steve Wynn, the owner of the Mirage, is prepared to pay the champion \$25 million for the Holyfield bout and \$35 million for Tyson.

CRICKET

Atherton sacrifices a century for the benefit of the team

tice against Zimbabwe B yes-terday, in readiness for the Atherton, who is leading England A in this match, five-day international on Satmostly found timing and his urday, was not quite fulfilled best touches elusive but baton the second day of their tled on through 75 overs. He match at the Harare South faced 229 balls, hit a six and country club. More than one eight fours and the only batsman brought about his chance he offered came just own dismissal and Michael before the declaration when he Atherton was alone in playing was dropped at short mida long innings.
Atherton batted five hours wicket. It was hard work at times for him and the handful and was 97 not out when he of spectators but was ideal declared to ensure that the preparation for the forthcom-

opposition had an hour's bating five-day series. ting, England A declared at 282 for five, a lead of 175, and Atherton became involved straightaway when Stephenson, who had helped England score 90 without loss, was Zimbabwe B made 12 for one by the close. Lawrence encountered over-stepping prob-lems and it was Martin caught behind as he tried to cut the first ball of the day. Darren Bicknell, the other opening batsman, had time to Bicknell who had Walton held in the gully just before the play several text book drives before he mistimed and was The Zimbabweans bowled with more efficiency on an ultra-slow pitch than they had taken low down at extra cover. Bicknell, who was dropped at shown in their batting the mid-off earlier in the over, previous day. Lock, Lake and Brent all bowled tight medium waited for the umpires to consult before he was given

Thorpe, trying to clinch his place for the weekend fixture,

A plan for the England A subdued on another day of also mistimed a drive and was batsmen to take lengthy prac-intense sunshine. held at backward point. held at backward point. Blakey stayed 32 overs before he sparred outside the off stump and was caught at first slip. Whitaker, Thorpe's main rival, batted promisingly until he ran himself out. He set off for a single but was sent back and could not beat a direct hit by Goodwin from extra cover.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-6.

ENGLAND A: First Innings
D J Bicknell c Goodwin b Elliot
J P Stephenson c James b Dolphin
M A Atherton not out
G P Thorpe c Bruk-Jackson b Elliot
R J Blakey c Amort b Lake
J J Whitelier run out
Extres (b 2, nb 2)

at the Hilton on September 28,

the eve of the match at

looking at the possibility of a tour in 1991, with Canada among the likely venues at the

moment. In that year, too, it

has been invited to belp the

SCORERS: Combridge: Tries: Davies (2), Booth Conversions: Shuffebothem, Pen-atry Goet: Shuffebothem, Anti-Asse-shas: Tries: Holloway (2), Hackney. Conversion: Atchison.

The Times yesterday received from the Princess of Wales an award for its coverage of sport for the disabled. The honour came in recognition of what the judges of the British Sports Association for the Disabled media awards described as the "outstanding commitment" of The

Times in reporting events and issues in sport for the disabled.

presentation of joint first prize in the awards, sponsored by Grand Metropoli-tan, to Tom Clarke, Sports Editor of The Times, and Jane Wyntt, the corres-pondent for sport for the disabled, at a ench at the Inn on the Park, London.

The other joint winner in the category for national newspapers was the Daily Mail, with The Observer highly

Other awards were presented to: Other awards were presented to: Provincial newspapers: winner, Northern Echo, Darlington; highly commended, Rending Chronicle. Photography: winner, David Mansell (The Observer); highly commended, Eileen Langsley (Supersport Photographs). Television and radio: winner, Downfill Struggle (BBC TV South); highly commended, The Olympic Challenge (BBC TV).

SKATING

A modest ascent

Sally Stapleford, the recently installed chairman of the Nat-ional Skating Association figure committee, yesterday outlined a grand design calculated to re-store British fortunes in the

She was attending a reception

"I want to do the free skat-ing," Emma Murdoch, aged 18, the British champion, from Putney, said. That means she would hope to be only in the top 20 after the figures and original

can," he said. "If that gets me into the top 20 and the free skating, so much the better."

Cousins, no relation to his illustrious namesake, feels he has profited greatly from staying in the Soviet Union after the European championships in order to take lessons from

Vladimir Kovalyov, a former world champion, in Moscow. Stapleford was under-Stapleford was under-standably non-committal when asked if British skating was in a period of crisis after a calam-itous team performance in the world championships in Paris last March, overtaken even by Australia. As she sought vainty for an appropriate world. Courtney Jones, chairman of the NSA, suggested it was "more like a trough".

Stapleford is confident of receiving backing from her fig-ure skating committee of 12 for a plan which restructures and co-ordinates coaching and training both on and off the ice, with closer monitoring of progress.

SNOW REPORTS

SNOOKER

pace and Dolphin and Elliot.

both left-arm spinners, also kent the batsmen relatively

Davis the computer has a bug

By Steve Acteson

Steve Davis used to be regarded as such a flawless player by his manager, Barry Hearn, that Hearn described him as a human computer. Whatever bug is now confus-

ing Davis's programme was in destructive mode again yesterday, however, as the world champion lost 5-2 to the world No. 19. Steve Newbury, of Wales, in the Pearl Assurance British Open fifth round in

Derby.

He is not alone in finding the branches at the top of the tree brittle under pressure, for, as Jimmy White and Steve James came face to face last night, the winner was about to be the only top-16 player to figure in the draw for the quarter-finals. Davis, whose list of surprising defeats since he won his last ritle

in October has grown alarmingly long, beat Darren Morgan by 5-4 from 4-1 down in the last round, but Newbury is that much more experienced than Morgan and Davis admitted: "Steve played a very good sixth frame to beat me from behind. I

thought be was going, but be proved me wrong."

Davis might have gone ear-lier: Newbury began with a break of 73 and was 3-0 ahead before playing a poor safety shot on the final brown in frame four for Davis to clear to pink. The world No. I took the next frame after snookering Newbury three times on the final red, but

three times on the timal red, but the malfunctioning Davis scorned chances in the seventh and Newbury then switched him off in style with a seventh frame break of 62. Davis praised Newbury, but added: "I intend to be ready for the world championship."

Les Dodd, once slimmer of the year but now weighing 17 stones, ultimately proved too much of a heavyweight for the world No. 12. Tony Knowles. Dodd won 5-4 from 2-0 behind. RESULTS: Fifth round (England unless starred); Newbury (Wates) by S Davis. 5-2: L Dodd by A Knowles. 5-4 Tuesday's lette resource. A Higgma (N ire) by D Mountgly (Wates), 5-3: R Chaperon (Carr) anything beyond punts or solo Mountgly (Wates), 5-4. R Chaperon (Carr) anything beyond punts or solo Hountgly (Wates), 5-4. R Chaperon (Carr) anything beyond punts or solo runs. But the flankers, Buckton, by A Robidoux (Carr), 5-4.

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RUGBY UNION: AGREEMENT WORTH £900,000 HELPS WORLD-FAMOUS CLUB

Barbarians' birthday present Initially the Barbarians will said yesterday. "After our use the funds to defray the centenary season, who knows costs of their centenary dinner where we will take ourselves?" 17: v Argentini (Carolli), December 27: v isbestor, 1997: March (onto to be contenary season, who knows december 29: v Carolli. April 1: v Swanese.

One by one, rugby's most amous institutions fall to commerce - though, in most cases, with beneficial results for all concerned. The Barbarians, the most famous invitation club in the world, yesterday acquired the back-ing of Scottish Amicable, the life assurance company, with a sponsorship of £900,000 over the next three years.

This covers the period of the Barbarians' centenary season, 1990-91, during which they will play England, Wales and Argentina, while a match against Scotland is planned for

September 1991.

Cambridge put an end to lengthy losing run of the Anti-Assassins, and the Cambridge pair, Allen and Holmes, were rarely far from the

Cambridge Univ.

David Shufflebotham, the Cam-bridge stand-off half, allied in-spiration with desperation to kick the crucial 30-yard penalty goal from the touchline against the Anti-Assassins and end his side's run of six consecutive defeats at Grange Road yes-terday.

Shufflebothsm put Cam-bridge ahead for the first and only time by harnessing the downfield wind perfectly to slide the ball inches inside the near post.

The match produced five tries for the wings which exaggerated the extent of back play. The Anti-Assassins, beaten 35-12 by Oxford University last week, concentrated on their driving pack, with possession being entrusted reluctantly even to the centres.

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of Jonathan Webb, the former England full back, earlier this week, will also lose Barry White-Twickenham against England; have not been before. We the game with Wales at Carwant to take good players and diff is a week later, on October show the game to other parts 6. But the club also plans a book and a video, and is

"We must come out of our centenary season with a financially-secure future and I think that, with this sponsorship, we have achieved that." The only addition to the famous black-

where we will take ourselves?

We hope to tour and we may

well go to countries where we

and-white jersey will be the Scottish Amicable logo.

centenary celebrations of Constitution, in Cork, and Old Wesley, in Dublin. BARBARIANS CENTENARY FIXTURES: September: 28: Centenary dinner; 28: V England (Twickanham). October 6: V Wales (Cardiff): 30: v Newport. November "Our catchement area is the world," Mickey Steele-Bodger, the club president,

week, will also lose Barry White-head, their leading try-scorer. Whitehead, aged 27, who has scored 20 tries in 17 appear-ances this season, is to take up a

Bristol, who lost the services

The Royal Navy, who play the Army in the opening match of the inter-services championship at Twickenham on March 10, concluded their club programme with an 18-16 victory over the Metropolitan Police at Imber Court yesterday,

Swansea in ruthless

state: Tries: Holloway (2), Hackney, Conversable, Alchison,
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form against Oxford

Swansea University 58 Swansea University 58
Oxford University 12
Oxford's first match against a
Welsh university was a disaster
as they were outclassed by Welsh university was a disaster as they were outclassed by

It was appropriate that Swan-sea took the lead after 11 minutes. They had foraged into the Oxford 22 and from second phase possession the ball was worked to Adebayo, the centre, who glided through to score. Swansea went further shead Swansea went further shead four minutes later when they worked the ball blind from a ruck on halfway and tight passing gave the left winger, Devonald, the ball 40 metres out and he hugged the touchline to beat two would-be tacklers to recent in the correct.

score in the corner.
From a scrum five, Jones, the full back, went over for Swan-

ing the ball tight, then releasing, were unstoppable and the fifth try was a formality for Flood.

Oxford scored a try through Stevens, the scrum-half who crashed over after a short penalty move. Oliver, the stand-off converted. But Swansea's freerunning play brought them further four tries. SCORERS: Sweener: Tries: Adebayo (3 Devoneld, Jones, Langley, Flood (2 Heywood (2), Hopkins (2), Conversions Powel, Flood (3), Oxford University Stevens, Ellot, Cultivarilus: Oliver.

From a scrum five, Jones, the full back, went over for Swansca's third try.

Langley, the No. 8, crossed for the fourth from a scrum five for the fourth from a scrum five heel against the head and it was difficult to believe that they were playing against the strong wind. But their tactics of keep-

Ireland change hooker once more

Ireland were forced to change their hooker for the second time this five nations' championship season when John McDonald withdrew yesterday from the XV to play France in Paris on Saturday (David Hands writes). His place will go to Terry Kingston (Dolphin), who won the last of his seven caps against England two grars ago.

McDonald, aged 29, failed to recover from a torn calf muscle sustained in training

last weekend, despite intensive physiotherapy. The Malone player came into the national side against England in January when Steve Smith, of Ballymena, left the field just before half-time with a dam-

by James O'Riordan, aged 23, the uncapped Constitution hooker. He will be joined on the bench by Peter Russell, of Instonians, who won his first cap against England; Russell takes over from Raiph Keyes,

ing from flua. The Irish train in Dublin aged rib cartilage. The Irish train in Dublin Kingston's place among the today before flying to Paris.

of Constitution, who is suffer-

from the trough

for the British team before they embarked for Halifax, Nova Scotia, for next week's world

The sombre background to the task facing her is that the team of eight is the most inexperienced ever to represent this country. If the potential of the most inexperienced ever to represent this country. its members offers hope for the future, their ambitions are severely limited at the moment.

programme.
Steven Cousins, her male counterpart, aged 17, from north Wales, is even less precise.
"My aim is to skate as well as I

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All areas closed due to bed weather but some runs in village open

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Outlook: Tomorrow will remain cold with selecter days of the course of the day causing # anvers wond chill factor and some bazard. SCOTLAND

Conditions.

Outdook: Tomorrow will remain cold with showers or snow over the slope-Saturday will see more severe gales and storms over most areas.

Information supplied by the Scotlish Mesocrotogical Office.

AUSTRIA

Martela is talk of town as further finishers drift in

From Barry Pickthall, Punta del Este, Urugus

As the Italian yacht, Gatorade, and The Card, the Swedish ketch which lost her mizzen mast shortly after the start, took seventh and eighth places yesterday, at the end of the fourth stage of the Whitbread Round the World Race, the talk here continued to centre on the lucky escape of the 16 crew from the capsized Finnish entry, Martela OF.

good thoughout," Pierre Fehlmann, skipper of the Swiss entry, Merit, said. His vessel plucked 10 of the crew off the upturned Finnish

Ludde Ingvall, the skipper of UBF Finland, who coordinated the communications and search, was as adamant. "We were lucky they were broadcasting at the exact time the keel fell off and lucky it did not occur during the storm off the Falklands, when we were all busy trying to save our own skins."

Everyone here agrees that mounted in the cockpit of the yacht, Maiden. Edwards re-

the 41/2-hour rescue could not leading British entry, have been handled more ef-ficiently or professionally by several times during the last the competitors and race or- leg but, it transpired yesganizers. The emergency, terday, none of the signals was however, has also highlighted picked up by the rescue several deficiencies. The most authorities. The equipment serious is the non-operation of will now be checked before the Martela's two EPIRB emer- restart on March 17.

gency beacons. The emergency also ex-The crew also reported that posed serious deficiencies of the four six-man life-rafts within the Argentine search "We just have to thank the stowed on deck, only one and rescue authorities. gods that the weather was surfaced when the yacht in- Considerable confusion was verted. One became trapped created when Argentine of-in the sails, and two others ficials reported to the

remained under the boat.

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Whitbread race control centre
at Punta del Este that a Search
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Race officials were also are emergency beacons that have that an Argentine fishing boat gone over the side during this was first on the scene, and had race have not worked. In picked up Martela's crew. race have not worked. In picked up Martela's crew. addition, two others, fitted to However, none of these state-Steinlager 2 and Satquote ments proved to be correct. British Defender, have activated themselves for no apparant reason

parant reason.

Just as worrying, the EPIRB which developed in its British

ali-woman team appeared to

ported yesterday that the yacht was taking in 60 gallons Carpentier rounds of water every two hours, but later told Equity and Law the Carpentier rounds the Cape at a cost By Malcolm McKeag Emotionally drained and physically exhausted, Patrice Carpenter was yesterday at last able to report having rounded Cape Horn in the Globe Challenge non-stop single-handed round the world race. He is the seventh Globe competitor to do so, and is literally half a world away from the three race leaders, who are already at the Equator. Tituoan Lamazou passed into the Northern Hemisphere at 0900 GMT yesterday while Loick Peyron, who is lying second, and Jean-Luc Van Den Heede are expected to cross later today or tonight. Carpentier has been through a month-long ordeal in the Southern Occan, steering for up to 17 hours each day through freezing temperatures, gales and snow-ports the mast's rigging rods. He Tituoan temperatures, gales and snow-ports the mast's rigging rods. He Towards, Gallons of water every two hours, but later told Equity and Law, the duty yacht, that all was now duty yacht, that all was now well on board. LEADING FRINSHESS: Fourth leg Auctionation belief to be part of this Nouvel Observateur survived a 360° roll-over undate of Ester 1, Storning of 200 Balos, NZ, 22days 20th 4front, 2220-03; 3, Robinson (1, Engal, Find, 2220-03; 3, Robinson (1, Engal, Find, 1, 2220-13; 3, R

month-long ordeal in the South-ern Ocean, steering for up to 17 hours each day through freezing temperatures, gales and snow-storms. Although the sails and suffered only a black eye.

BOWLS

Flatterer Price in final four

John Price, of Wales, became
the furst player to qualify for the
semi-finals of the Embassy
world indoor singles championship when he beat Mark
McMahon, of Hong Kong, by
three sets to two at the Preston
Guild Hall yesterday.
McMahon, who had beaten
Price on the opening day of the

Price on the opening day of the Commonwealth Games last month, continued where he left off in Auckland, winning the

Price, who has often flattered to deceive, seemed to be falter ing again after his clinical dispatch of Jim Muir in the previous round. His brilliant form in early rounds has often given way to indifferent perfor-mances in the later stages, and he has yet to fulfil his potential by winning a big event.

A slight improvement in the second set saw him move tentatively into a 4-3 lead, and a gift from McMahon presented him with three shots on the sixth end to square the match. Further improvement brought its reward when, in a tense third set. Price recovered from 1-6 with a four and a two to win 7-6, but McMahon responded strongly with a 7-0 victory in the fourth.

Seemingly unconcerned at that setback, Price bowled with increasing confidence in the final set, and needed only four ends to complete a 7-2 victory. taken count of three on the fourth end.

Gerry Smyth and Steve Halmai, of Paddington, re-versed the result of last year's semi-final when they beat Rowan Brassey and Peter Belliss, of New Zealand, the

ATHLETICS

ROWING

LMBC ride out gales to go top

Lady Margaret rode out the gales in the gathering gloom at the end of the first day of the Margaret II, Care III, Care IIII, Care III, C Lents to sink Pembroke with a bump in the Long Reach to take

the horizontal strut which sup-

Men

FIRST DIVISION: LMBC bpd Pembroke;
Trinity Hall bpd Emmanuel, Jesus bpd 1st
and 3rd Trinity; Churchili bpd Clare;
Queens' bpd St Catherine's.
SECOND DIVISION: Flowlitten bpd Pembroke II., Peterhouse bpd Downing II.,
Galus III bpd Selwyn III., Clare III bpd
LMBCS, Girton bpd Emmanuel III, Sid
Sussex bpd Jesus III.
THERD DIVISION: Corpus Christi bpd
Churchill II: Peterhouse II bpd Derwin; 1st
8 3rd Trinity III bpd LMBC V: Girton II bpd
Magdalene III.
FOURTH DIVISION: Girton III broble
overbpd Pembroke III, St Catherine's III;
bpd Trinity Hall III: King's II bpd Christ's III;
Vet School bpd Selwyn III; Addentrooles
double overbpd Jesus IV; Queen's III bpd
Downing III; Stdney Sussex II bpd Calus
III; CCAT bpd Wotfinon.
FFTH DIVISION: Theological Colleges
bpd St Edmund's House; Calus IV bpd
Pembroke IV; Robinson II bpd Christ's IV;
Clare IV bpd Skidney Sussex III.

Today's starting order

FIRST DIVISION: LMBC, Pembroka, Trinity Hall, Emmanuel, Downing, Jesus, 1st
and 3rd Trinity, Caluis, Magdalane, Churchill, Clare, Selwyn, Queens', St Catherins's, LMBC B. Christ's.

SECOND DIVISION: Jesus II., Fizzwilliam,
Pembroke II., 1st and 3rd Trinity II.,
Peterhouse, Downing B. Calus II, Selwyn
III., Clare B. LMBC III., Robinson, Girton,
Emmanuel B., Sidney Sussex, Jesus III.,
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Christ's, Homerton, Queens, Ginton,
Downing, Fizzwilliam, St Catharine's.

SECOND DIVISION: Pembroke, Selwyn,
Jesus II, 1918 3 rd Thinky, Robinson, Clare
II, CMABC, Corpus Christi, Newhitam II,
Churchill II, LMBC II, Emmanuel II,
Peterhouse, New Hail II, Magdalene,
CCAT, LMBC III. **TENNIS**

Javer close to an upset

Indian Wells, California
There is sometimes a very
uarrow margin between success
and failure, as Monique Javer
discovered yesterday, when a
missed overhead probably cost
her victory over Helena Sukova
in the second round of the
Virginia Slims of Indian Wells
(Barry Wood writes). The British No. I was defeated 4-6, 7-6,
6-0, but hit the overhead long,
with the court open to her, at 4-5

BASKETBALL

Indian Wells, California - in the second-set tie-break. in the second-set tie-break.

RESULTS: Pirst round: G Fernandez (P Rico) bt J Pospissiova (C2.) 6-1, 6-3; A Frazier (US) bt E Reinach (SA), 7-6, 6-3; K Cuentrie (P) bit A Herricksson (US), 7-6, 7-5, 7-6; J Weisener (Austria) bt L Bonder-Kraisa (US), 7-6, 6-0. Second round: K Maleeva (But) bt K Pinnaldi (US), 6-1, 6-3; H Mandikova (Aus) bt K Gompert (US), 6-1, 6-2; H Mandikova (Ma) bt K Gompert (US), 6-4, 6-2; M Naturabova (US) bt N Provis (Aus), 6-2, 6-0; J Novetha (C2) bt Y Koizumi (Japan), 6-0, 6-0; R Fairbank (SA) bt N Miyagi (Japan), 6-4, 6-1; E Inoue (Japan) bt L Sevelanico (USSR), 6-4, 6-1; H Sukova (C2) bt M Javer (GB), 4-6, 7-6, 6-0.

Women
FRST DIVISION: Jesus bpd Churchilt;
Calus bpd Clare; UMBC bpd Trinity Hait;
Newham bpd Sidney Susses; Christ's
bpd Homerton; Queens' bpd Girton;
Downing bpd Filzwilliam; St Catharine's
bpd Perritrolia.
SECOND DIVISION: St Catharine's bpd
Selwyn; Jesus II bpd 1st & 3rd Tranty;
Robinson bpd Clere II; OMABC bod
Corpus Christ; Newmham II bpd Churchil
III: LMBC II bpd Erraminue II; Magdalene
overbpd Darwin; CCAT bpd LMBC III.
THIRD DIVISION: Girton II bpd Queens' II;
Selwyn II bpd Homerton II; Christ's II bpd
Sidney Susses; II; Girton III bpd CCAT II;
Christ's III bpd St Catherine's II.
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Prean, who has just been returned unopposed as the ETTA chairman, has presided over a significant revival in English table tennis in the last three years, and may well influence voting with his appeal.

FOR THE RECORD

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (HBA): New York Knicke 110, Dalles Mavericks 57, Ortando Magic 115, Charlote Hornets 105; Indiana Pacers 118, New Jersey Nets 112; Datroir Pastore 168, Housion Flockets 102 (07); Mirriadosa Timberwohes 104, Washington Bulets 86; Chicago Bulls 108, Malvander Bucks 96; Phoenix Suns 120, Denver Nuggets 101; Porblend Trail Buzzins 110, Clewdard Cavelers 105; Los Angeles Cippers 103, Saattle Super-Sonso 59. BADMINTON BOXING ULSTER AMATEUR SENIOR CHAMP SHES: Finals: Light-Byweight: T Wate (C Lodge) bi C Nator Antonio (Newhal), pis. JUSTER: JAMATEUR SENDY CHURCHUS-DIS-SHESE Rebate Light-Spreight: T Watte (Caim Lodge) bt C Natar Amanio (Newhall), pts; Flyr WicCaldough (Albert Foundry) wc. Bantase; J Tools (Holly Family) bt P breamd (St Gaorge's), pts; Fessteren Fi Nessi (Ramg) bt S McCann (Holly Family), pts: Light-J Prikane (Holly Turnly) bt S McCarmich (St Agress), rec-late; Light-sentine; W Cowan (Bellyclure) bt J Glacchin (Farirboy), pts; Light-J Jes; Light-seldder, J Webb (Plinishme) bt E Dutly (Burdrans), rec-ter; Middler, J Murroy (Holy Family) bt C Cullen (Connoc), pts; Light-shelye); P McCary (Fath-Hand) bt G Johnston (Br-restition), pts; Navy: P Madden (St John Booto) bt R McGregor (Connitional), pts; Super Insery: P Douglas (Holy Family) bt C Robinson (Afritin), rid 2nd.

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Afrience C. Arsana C. Soussesson
City 1.
FOURTH DIVISION: Alderstot 0. Peterborough 1; Gifinghern 2, Cartiele United 1.
TENNENT'S SCOTTESH CLP: Fourth round:
Cowdenbeath 1, Dunlembrie 2 (Lit RAM).

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LONGON BETHAN Barting 1. Bromley 0. BEHAS AND BUCKS SENIOR CUP. Seni-Con et 3. Abington United 0. final: Skugh 3, Abingdon United 0. 1675 LOANS LEAGUE: First dyes caster 2, Congeton 2, Postponed: H v Raddiffe. ENDY FAIR CAPITAL LEAGUE WYCOIND 3. Charses 1: Warroledon L. Labon's Park Rangers 1. SCFA FLOCOLIGHT CUP: Third round, eacond lec: Craxiey 0, Horsham 0 (agg: 4-3).

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HOCKEY

LACROSSE

FOOTBALL: FOURTH DIVISION CLUB SHOWS HOW A CONTINENTAL SYSTEM CAN BRING VICTORY



Partners in success: Paul Fitzpatrick with Clive Middlemass, the Carlisle manager, at Brunton Park yesterday

Carlisle sweep to success

English football and the sweeper system do not generally mix. Several clubs, including Arsenal, the champions, and Aston Villa, the challengers this season, have employed a system of three centre halves, which is another, almost purely defen-

another, almost purely defensive, matter entirely.

Yet of all places, the fourth division and the most northerly club in the League are suggesting it can be done. To say that Paul Fitzpatrick, a tall, elegant ball player has been solely responsible for Carlisle United's success would be unfair to his colleagues, and to the careful work of the manager, Clive Middlemass.

Middlemass.

Middlemass has turned the club upside down in his two years in charge, rebuilding a side which now plays the type of precise passing game one would expect from a disciple of the late Don Revie, somewhat under-mining the belief that these days the only way out of the fourth division is to follow

Yet if Carlisle are playing football right through the side, it is no accident that the club's success began when Fitzpatrick, a midfield player of considerable ability on the ball, was converted into a sweeper 14 months ago. Then the club was second from bottom and, on going out of the League.

TABLE TENNIS

Chairman

Prean is

anti-Chen

By Richard Eaton

An attempt to stop the immediate inclusion of Chen Xinhua in

the England team when the former World Cup winner from

China becomes eligible in May has been made by John Prean, the chairman of the English Table Tennis Association.

affiliated counties, asking their councillors to vote against

Chen's selection at the next Chen's selection at the next national council meeting on April 21 — even though the player has a wife, child and home in Huddersfield and will

shortly satisfy the two-year eli-gibility rule of the International Federation.

The chairman believes the

the England team would be part of a trend "which might make the sport look ridiculous", al-leges that there is "an indecent

rush of European countries to pick Chinese players" and claims that the federation's two-year rule is "so lax as to be almost meaningless".

They have hardly looked back since. On a wild, stormy night last week, Fitzpatrick looked more like Beckenbauer than an English central defender as he constantly surged forward from the back to give Exeter, Carlisle's closest rivals at the top of the table expressive investigation. the table, apparently insoluble

problems.

"It isn't just a defensive system when played properly," Middlemass said, although no one who had only seen the version used by first division clubs could think anything else. "You've got to have defenders who are comfortable on the ball and not frightened of people giving it to them, but the spare man has pienty of time on the ball to come forward. And you want full backs who can push on and be comfortable.

"In the first two games we

"In the first two games we employed it away from home we scored three and four goals at Doncaster and Peterborough last season, so it's hardly defending. ast season, so it's hardly deten-sive. It is great for the front three because it gives them more freedom in not having to come back so far — especially for the wide man. His job is up there in this system, he doesn't have to tuck back in."

But if the Carlisle manager is convinced of the efficacy of the system, even though he is reluctant to single out individuals, he admits that Fitzpatrick brings fair to the role. With his sure touch on the ball, his where we just pen sides in, and was the start of something big.

acceleration, his eye for the telling pass, and the arrogance to try things, he looks an outstanding prospect, and the regular attendance of Rangers' scouts at

mature physically as a lad, and he's stronger now than he was, but and Paul's a good footballer, there's no doubt about that," Middlemass, who had worked with Fitzpatrick at Bristol City, and "If you're a pood footballer. said. "If you're a good football you can play anywhere, but in midfield nowadays there just isn't any time or room, so we moved him back where he gets a lot more. The lad's probably happier now than he has ever been, and that makes a dif-ference to a player, because you've got to be enjoying your

It is a view with which Fitzpatrick concurs. He had a chequered career before and immediately after his arrival at Carlisle. "Until now the best two years of my career where with Terry Cooper and the boss at Bristol, but it's the same here now. I maily look forward to now. I really look forward to going in training," he said. "Of course winning is the

most important thing, but I'm enjoying playing at the back. I'm always being encouraged to go

there's no one picking me up when I do most of the time. Against Halifax I went right up into the box to score and there was no one picking me up."

player-manager, bringing an abrupt end to his first-team

A move to Bristol City with Terry Cooper, where Mid-dlemass was assistant manager, offered a lifeline, and a conver-sion to midfield, until an attack of glandular fever kept him out for three months — and just as he returned Cooper was rehe returned Cooper was re-placed by Joe Jordan. Possibly placed by Joe Jordan. Possibly Fitzpatrick at that stage was still suffering from the after effects of his illness, but he failed to convince the new manager, and he was ultimately allowed to rejoin Middlemass at Carlisle.

With the club struggling, at one stage dropping into 92nd place, the fans were not impressed with their new signing.

pressed with their new signing.

He had been ill, then he hadn't been playing first team football, so he wasn't really match fit when he came, but I don't think their he came, but I don't think they'd have appreciated Cruyff at that time," Middlemass, who finally allowed Fitzpatrick to go on loan to Preston to take the heat off him, said. His return

Villa will splash out on ground

Aston Villa are to spend between £3 million and £5 million over the next few years on turning Villa Park into a 40,000 all-seat stadium. Work will start at the end of the season when the visitors' terracing in front of the North Stand will be replaced with 2,500 seats.

"In time the aim is to have another !4,000 seats at the Holt End," the chairman, Dong Ellis, said. "But first we will have to extend the roof to provide proper shelter for those at the front." Villa have signed a new £1 million, three-year sponsor-ship deal with Mita, which will complete 10 years of association. complete 10 years of association with the Japanese photo-copier company. The new contract is worth double Villa's previous

Graham Roberts, the Chelsea captain and defender who has been placed on the transfer list, is likely to be reported to the Professional Footballers' Association and the FA. On the day of Chelsea's Zenith Data Systems southern final, second leg against Crystal Palace at Stamford Bridge, an advertisement appeared in a national newspaper. "Graham Roberts — the truth about 'I quit' sensation".

Brian Borrows, the Covestry City defender, yesterday signed a new long-term contract that will keep him at Highfield Road antil 1994.

• West Bromwich Albion's plans to sign the Stoke City winger, Gary Hackett, were put on ice last night after the two clubs failed to agree on how the £70,000 fee should be paid.

Leeds want to sign **McClair**

Leeds United confirmed yes-terday that they had asked Manchester United about the availability of Brian McClair, the Scottish international for-

ward (Ian Ross writes).

Howard Wilkinson, the Leeds manager, is believed to have offered in excess of £1.4 million for McClair but he was told that the player was not for sale.

Alex Ferguson, the Manchester United manager, emphasized yesterday that despite McClair's poor scoring record this season between was still a

key figure in the club's attempts to win the FA Cup and retain their first division status. Although Wilkinson has spent more than £2.75 million on new players in the past 12 months, he is still keen to

strengthen his senior squad. Vince Hilaire, who has made only two first-team appearances for Leeds this season, is ex-pected to leave the club shortly. Mel Sterland, the former England international full back who has not played a senior game for

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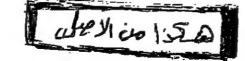


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England trapped in a Caribbean swamp

Cricket Correspondent Kingston, Jamaica

stently refused to extri- tragic death. "Ollie" was so cate England from many a much more than a former Caribbeau calamity in the past, perversely turned nasty yesterday as if in huffy disapproval of the threatened that he could not live long

the scheduled restart time in this first Test, and the England this first Test, and the England Suddenly, then, a week players, two quick wickets and which has defied logic, excita handful of runs from one of ing and bewildering us with the greatest upsets in recent equal facility, had gone awry. cricket history, loitered in their hotel, impatient was spread languidly around staff stead in their hotel, impatient was spread languidly around for news and fearful of the the outfield with rakes, gather-

congregating mockingly, the bulk of the squad was then hopelessly inadequate tarpautaken for some distracting lin covers had leaked. exercises on the hotel tennis court while Graham Gooch enough and Allan Lamb headed for endanger a bowler in his run-the ground to inspect the up and, whether caused by

that their remarkable efforts day. already had left them two days, rather than just this one, play was possible before tea,

The sombre mood of everyone English was immeasurweather, which has from home of Colin Milburn's enough to salute and celebrate, in his own special way, a

Lingering reluctantly late over breakfast, casting baleful glances at the clouds still only four feet behind the crease at one end, where the

famous England win.

This patch had taken water seriously to damage and encourage the neglect or misfortune, it was salvage job.

bad enough, if transferred to Their one consolation as the ground began to recover from had Dickie Bird fretting 24 hours of heavy, showery and unseasonable rain, was before abandoning play for the

As the umpires ruled that no

Harare - Ted Dexter, the chairman of the England com-mittee, sent a goodwill mess-age to Peter Lush, the England Test team manager in Kings-ton, from here in Zimbabwe yesterday (Richard Streeton writes). It read: "Only barest details filtering through from Jamaica. Understand things going reasonably well for Gooch/Stewart combo! A team

upset that their thunder is heing stolen but send grudging good wishes nevertheless! Best of lack for successful conclusion." It was signed by the

Gooch remained impressively phlegmatic. "When you have played for 15 years you learn to accept the weather as an opponent in every game," he said. "We just have to be patient and grateful that time

Sabina Park was virtually deserted, English tourists outnumbering locals. Al-though this was Ash Wednes-day, a public holiday in Jamaica, there may have been just as few here in perfect weather. The West Indian attitude, reflected by their cricket press, is that this game has been irretrievably lost and must be regarded as an aberra-

Bookmakers caught napping

English bookmakers have win, for Corals will no longer been as surprised as anyone face paying out £70,000 for a else by the extraordinary West Indies "blackwash." events which have taken place Their quoted odds of 5-1 had at Sabina Park during the first been snapped up with the Test match. While their speed of a Devon Malcolm Jamaican counterparts did yorker. flourishing business on The leading firms varied horseracing at Kempton Park, between offering 25-1 and 40-the domestic contest was 1 on England's chances of

ation here might wish it had followed suit. One intrepid backer placed £1,000 to view this as a one-off, at 20-1 on England to achieve wonderful though it may be," the unthinkable by winning Wilson said. "People have the opening Test, which should give him some funds to Richards are not the force of fly out to the Caribbean.

Meanwhile, in Barking a team odds-on favourites to huge collective sigh of relief win the series at 8-11."

considered by locals as a non-winning the series. The best betting item, and they de-clined to open a book. with Surrey Racing at 3-1. The Victor Chandler Their chairman, Mervyn Wil-

son, remains sceptical. "Personally, I am inclined reported that Marshall and old, but I still make the home

the second Test, to be played in Guyana, traditionally a batsman's wicket and the scene of many a high-scoring draw, offer tempting value with England 100-30, West Indies 8-11, and a draw at 9-4. The draw at 9-4 with Surrey Racing, covered with England to win at 4-1, available with Corals, looks handsome value. LATEST CODS: Victor Clandler: England to win series, 5-2 drawn series, 2-1; West Indias to win series, 6-17. Coralic 2-1; 4-1; 8-11. Serney Ractog: 3-1; 3-1; 8-11. William Hill: 5-2; 100-30; 4-6.

 Tim Curtis, who opened for England in three Test matches last season, is to be the Worcestershire vice-captain

It is the first time in four seasons the county champions have appointed an official deputy to their captain, Phil Neale, and Curtis was nomi-

distressed by Milburn's untimely death. They love characters here, and characters came no more vivid than Colin. I knew him well only in his later years when, despite the misfortune which blighted a potentially memorable career, he had retained an abiding enthusiasm for the game which he never failed to The first Test match I ever saw, a twelfth birthday present

from parents who never shared but cheerfully suffered my sporting passion, was in 1966 at Lord's - England against West Indies. I joined the queue which snaked down from north turnstiles and then, like a child set loose in a sweet shop, sat on the boundary's edge among friendly, laughing West Indians who, like me, learned to love Milburn. To my young eyes, he was not the shape to be part of all this, but he made runs and he became, on that unforgettable day, a hero.

Obituary. More cricket ...

Gooch, yesterday, had a similar story to tell. "I was Test against Australia," he said. "I had never seen a Test before but, above all else, I remember watching "Ollie" bat. Five years later, when he tried to make a comeback after his eye accident, I played against him in a Sunday league match. He was a shadow of the great player he had been but he was still the same character."

Micky Stewart recalled Milbum as "a knowledgable student of the game, one who had a great recall of events because he was genuinely a cricket lover, not just a cricket player." Lamb and Wayne Larkins were visibly stunned by the demise of a man who, for years, was never far from their home ground at Northampton. All of us here, on this mournful morning, felt we had lost a friend.



depressing tale of molehills, mops and misery

After the supports of the first three days of this first Test not dampened by the very heavy rains that lashed Kingston on Tuesday. The vice-captain and I opted for half a day out on a small boat in the Cays and looked with interest as Kingston disappeared in the distance behind a wall of dark grey rain. When that same storm hit us 20 minutes later, all I can say is that at least we

were dressed for the occasion.

By yesterday morning most of us had dried out substantially more than the outfield at



The former England captain comments on the first Test match in Jamaica

Sabina Park, which appeared to have been attacked by a giant mole. The "molehills" were in fact grass and topsoil raked into convenient mounds for removal with, I suppose, some of the moisture thus

But prospects of play being irony of the position in which

being done either by the ground staff's continuing mopping-up operations, or the press contingent sadly obliged to be putting their recollec-tions together for Colin Milburn's obituary. For my own part, I shall remembe him as an ever-genial, genuin lover of cricket, who always loved being around the ga and the people who played it.

I talked yesterday of the

Indies team. The home side will be emulating Michael Holding's commentary box rain-dance - I am sure there will be somebody in their dressing-room with suitable portable stereo equipment to provide the motive force.

As for our own merry band, they have, of course, already had a couple of rain stopped play nets in Trinidad, and the good news for those of them without the inclination to pol-

Sabina Park are big enough to pash a couple of chairs out of the way to enable those thus far little called upon in the middle to organize an impromptu indoor net, but hopefully using a tennis ball instead of the genuine article. You will, no doubt, be staggered to hear that I have ployed this very tactic myself on previous visits.

pack of cards somewhere in up very quickly.

suitably lessened, both camps would have been forced to amuse themselves, while most of the work in Kingston was clinic at the hotel, without having to endure the general tediam shared by all at the supposed scene of the action. It does not seem to matter where in the world that a cricket ground is under water. the torpor that follows is

For England, however, the incentive was so great that whenever the game did re-start There would surely be a they were sure to wrap things

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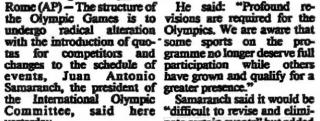
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League is

put back

The launch of Europe's Inter-

national League of American Football has been postponed

London Lightning, based at

Stamford Bridge, and Birmingham Bears, based at

Villa Park, are among the six

teams from five countries

affected by the delay, which the ILAF blames on "logistical

David Hannah and David

Mcliroy have been dropped

from Scotland's table tennis team for the European championships in April for

objecting to the omission from

Chris Cairns, aged 19, the

cricketer, will be unavailable

either for New Zealand's tour

of England or for Nottingham-

shire this summer because of a

stress fracture of the back.

the side of John Broe.

Cairns out

until 1991.

Left out

Samaranch said it would be

"difficult to revise and climinate certain events" but added After a two-day meeting that this was necessary for the with officials from the Associ-Games to promote interest ation of Summer Olympic and to trim participation to no.
International Federations more than 10,000 compet-(ASOIF) and from the Associ- itors. "We can expect more ation of National Olympic than 15,000 athletes, officials Committees (ANOC), and coaches in Barcelona in Samaranch said: "We are 1992," Samaranch, who 1992," Samaranch, who happy to say we have reached comes from the Spanish city, agreements on all the issues on our agenda."

comes from the Spanish city, said. "The Olympic village has room for no more than SPORT IN BRIEF

Cairns: back injury

nated to challenge Salvatore Nardino for the WBC inter-

national lightwelterweight title on April 28 in Rome.

Off green

Alex Dickson, the former terday.

British lightweight boxing champion, has been nomi-

Steve Rees has been left out of The Algerians are upset

the Welsh team to compete in because the Egyptians with-

the home international bowls drew late in the day from the series at Prestwick from April African Nations Cup which

Chosen man

to introduce quotas." A commission with nine

members, including the heads of the three international organizations - Samaranch for the IOC. Primo Nebiolo for the ASOIF and Mario Vasquez Rana for the ANOC - will meet in Barcelona on March 31 to set the criteria for

Samaranch stressed an agreement had been reached in Rome to consider the universality of competition, with a minimum of six competitors and two officials per country, and then the include all elite athletes. He said a decision on the

No games

New York (Agencies) — Adhering to a rule requiring 10 days between the reporting

date and the first games, major-league baseball teams

began cancelling spring-train-

ing exhibitions yesterday. Players have been locked out

for two weeks in the absence

of a basic labour agreement.

Unlikely win

Julie Salmon, from Sussex

was beaten by Kay Hand, a

player 265 places below her in the world rankings, in the LTA women's satellite tennis

tournament in Wigan yes-

Egypt are unlikely to lose their

place in the World Cup finals

this summer despite Algeria's demand that Egypt be sus-

pended from international

competition for two years.

starts in Algeria tomorrow.

the events, to

Barcelona, but essential for future games: "It is impossible for anyone to do a good job in organizing a sports event with more than 10,000 athletes and 5,000 officials," he said.

Samaranch said the IOC was satisfied with the innovations introduced by the International Boxing Federation new gloves, safer protective helmets and five rounds of two minutes - and did not foresee the sport being

He stressed that South Africa was strictly "an African problem, and the solution has to come from Africa" after the total dissolution of anartheid.

Ricky Chaplin and Gareth Hives, the Welsh weightlifters who were found positive for hormone drugs at the Commonwealth Games. The testing in Auckland was can ried out at the laboratory, funded by the Australian Government, in Sydney. Black said: The levels were so high that I have written to Black said: The levels were so high that I have written to a the Games organizers in New if Zealand to discover their date of entry to the country. It seems as if they were taking the drugs close to the Games, which means that either they may have bossely The decision was taken at a meeting of the central council in London last Saturday and will be announced tomorrow. Chaplin Hives have the right of appeal. The Times can also disclose

for taking drugs wiles p

gled them into the country.

Chaplin, who won a gold medal, and Hives, who took three silver medals, returned home immediately after their positive tests were announced in Auckland. Chapter their found to have the silver mediately after their positive tests were announced in Auckland. the names of the two British nome immediately after their positive tests were announced in Auckland. Chaplin was found to have an unacceptable level of testosteric powerlifters who were positive in the first samples at the world championships in Can-ada three months ago. They are Neil Hurst, from Andover, who was second in the under 125kg category, and Peter Tregloan, from Southampton, who was third in the super-heavyweight (over 125kg) was found protive for stanozoiol, the same anaholi The BAWLA will have to steroid that was found in the urine of Ben Johnson at the

Weightlifters

get life ban

1988 Olympic Games. life if the second sample is Both Hurst and Tregless found positive for drugs, whose type has yet to be revealed. At least one of the won British titles this year and Hurst competed at the 1981 competitors has asked for a world championships is second sample to be analyzed Perth, Western Australia. Neiat the Montreal Laboratory, ther was available for comwhich is accredited by the ment last night. International Olympic Com-

Last year six British powerlisters were given life bans after testing positive and Steve Pinsent, a 1982 Commonwealth weightlifting champion, was jailed in November for supplying hormone drugs and another Commonwealth champies Dean Willey, was dropped from the England team for drug-taking in Australian from the Engla

Brabham survival 🕃 hopes are fading

By a Special Correspondent

efforts were being made to keep the Brabham Formula One team afloat yesterday, their chief designer, Sergio Rinland, left abruptly to join the Tyrrell organization.

ban both these competitors for

mittee and run by Dr Robert

Dugal, one of the most respected figures in the world of

scientific analysis of drugs in

The decision on Chaplin

and Ives comes as Senator

John Black, who has con-

ducted a massive inquiry into

This move suggests that hopes of Brabham cars taking part in the season's first grand prix in Phoenix a week on Sunday are now slim indeed. If no buyer can be found before the cars are due to be Brabham appearance in the grand prix series seem extremely remote.

It would end a distinguished grand prix history, which began way back in 1962. It would mean no drive for Stefano Modena and Gregor Foitek, while the 82-strong workforce at the team's Chessington headquarters would face a difficult future.

Yet a rescue package had been organized by Peter Windsor, a former journalist now with Ferrari, who has a claim to 20 per cent of Motor Racing Developments Limited, the Brabham owner.

I understand he had worked for many weeks in an effort to find a buyer for the beleaguered team. Middlebridge, a large Japanese corporation was keen to buy and this had Windsor's complete approval. They wanted to bay Brabham and sponsor the team," Windsor said

yesterday. A price was agreed and a contract drawn up, but the driver for Ferrari, liquidator of Kingside SAO PAULO: Establishment, the majority shareholder of MRD, apparently changed his mind and said he did not want to sell to

Middlebridge,
"I was mystified and rescue package would cer-

While desperate last-minute tainly have enabled the team to race with a full budget for the season. If they do not continue, it will be very sad." If Brabham do not go to

Phoenix, this would have repercussions on the timetable. The original entry list was 35, but if this drops to 34 or less, then the pre-qualifying session during an hour on the Friday morning will be scrapped, to the relief of several lowly teams.

The future of another British-based team, Onyx, is also the subject of speculation. They too are looking for a T buyer, but indications last : night were that their situation and may be resolved before the weekend, and certainly the Onyx cars, due to be driven by Stefan Johansson and J. J. Lehto, are being prepared for

air freighting on Saturday. As if these problems were not enough, two drivers, Alex Caffi and Emanuele Pirro, will miss the Phoenix race and the following grand prix in Brazil a fortnight later. Caffi, No. 2 in the Foot-

work Arrows team, has broken his left shoulder blade, it is said through falling off a mountain training bike, and : will be out of action for several

Dallara driver, Pirro, is out of action with what is thought to be hepatitis and his place in Phoenix will be taken by Giovanni Morbidelli, winner of last year's Italian Formula 3 championship, and a test

• SAO PAULO: The safety inspector of the International Auto Sports Federation, Roland Bruynsereade, yesterday approved the Jose Carlos Pace raceway as the site of the Brazilian Grand Prix, for the shocked," Windsor said. "The first time since 1980 (AP 3).

Manchester mourn Penny

By Nicholas Harling

Tony Penny, the basketball forward, who collapsed and died while playing for Manchester Giants on Tuesday, had a heart condition that had prevented him from playing for two years during his studies in the United States.

As Manchester mourned the death of one of their most popular players yesterday, it became clear that Penny, aged 24, the younger brother of the club's captain, Kevin, had in 1986 complained of chest pains, brought on, he assumed, by weightlifting. The 6ft 7in former England junior was told, following tests by a number of doctors, that he had Hyper Tropic Cardio Myopathy, a thickening of one of the walls in the heart.

According to David Rybczyk, the assistant basketball coach at Central Connecticut State University, Penny was so determined to carry on playing that he went to extreme lengths to prove that he was in prime condition. "He was referred to a

local cardiologist and sub-sequent to that he sought many expert opinions," Rybezyk said. "He was a vibrant young man and basketball meant so much to him. He had sacrificed a lot to come here and play."

Birmingham-born Penny stayed at Connecticut until be gained a bachelor's degree in communications and then he returned to England to play for Manchester at the beginning of this season ... with tragic consequences. "He was one of the most outstanding young men I've ever been associated with," Rybczyk said. "He was a very special person.

Penny's death, eight minutes into the Carisberg League Kingston — after he had just me against the leaders, been replaced - might force the clubs' management boards to impose a policy requiring all clubs to have doctors attending major matches. Re-peated loudspeaker calls for a doctor went out to no avail on Tuesday while Penny was treated by St John Ambulance

"There is no policy about having doctors present at games but clubs will probably talk about it now at their next meeting, which is on Sunday," Carmel Gurling, a spokes-person for the Carisberg League, said.

"Manchester are better than most in that they do have St John Ambulance men at most games but at the moment they are not forced to." Nigel Roden,

Manchester director, said: Tony was a gentleman and one of the most pleasant young men in the game." Bracknell Tigers have \
agreed to call off their League home fixture against Manchester on Saturday as a mark of respect for Penny. No new date for the fixture, or for the Giants v Kingston game,

has been announced.